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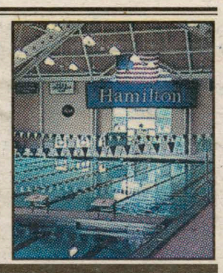

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FebFest Offers Activities for All Campus Tastes

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Hamilton's annual celebration of FebFest is on a roll with numerous events for students to participate in. The week arrived with a nice helping of snow, which seems appropriate for the wintry festivities. Even though the theme of the week is a duel between AlHam and Wally, the events are bringing students together for fun and much-needed study breaks.

Events officially began on Saturday, February 9 with HAVOC's Valentine's Day party. HAVOC invited children from the Neighborhood Center in Utica to the Hill, where everyone enjoyed such activities as sledding, making valentines, drinking hot chocolate, and watching student performances. Another exciting event was the cooking class, provided by the Bon Appetit chefs in McEwen. Students had the chance to go behind the scenes in the dining hall and learn about both cooking and sustainability. On Saturday night, comedian Greg Giraldo, a member of Comedy Central's Indecision Tour 2008, brought some laughs to the Annex.

PHOTO BY LAUREN MOON '09

Students participate in the Saranac Beer tasting in the Little Pub as part of FebFest.

Sunday featured snow touch football matches early in the afternoon. Similar to other intramural sports, the games were casual and open to anyone who wished to participate. Another featured event was Pizza Wars, in which students participated in a blind taste test of pizza from restaurants in the area and voted for their favorite. "It was great getting to try lots of different kinds of pizza," said Elizabeth Farrell '11. "It will be nice to know which pizza places are good to order from!"

The College Choir's performance of the musical West Side Story also ran over the weekend. The show, which is based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, focuses on Tony and Maria, a couple who fall in love despite the rivalry between the gangs they are loyal to, the Jets and the Sharks. The show included famous musical numbers such as "Maria," "America," and "I Feel Pretty." The reactions to the show were overwhelmingly positive: "West Side Story was wonderful!" said Farrell. "Everything from the acting and singing to the scenery was really well done."

More snowy sports matches occurred on Monday, when both teams and individuals were able to sign up to play soccer in the snow, or scnoccer. For dinner, students headed to Commons dining hall for Mexican foods such as quesadillas and burritos. Students over 21 had the opportunity to partake in a wine

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Commons Solves Rat Problem

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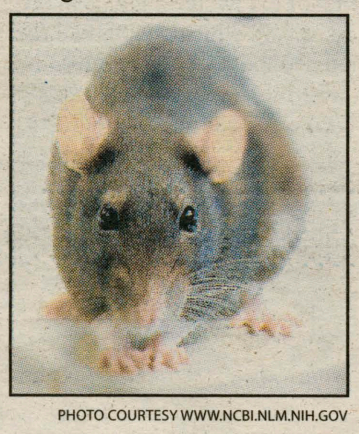
A rodent infestation in Commons Dining Hall closed the facility for the weekend and forced North Campus residents to forge their way to McEwen Dining Hall in the driving snow. Commons closed in response to multiple rodent sightings, giving a pest control contractor a weekend of hands-on time. The dining hall reopened on Monday morning, with no reported rat sightings or further evidence of infestation.

Rat sightings began last Wednesday in the middle of dinner. "I was eating at the Spanish Table last Wednesday," recounted Will Brodt '11, "and in the middle of a discussion, the professor pointed at the railing of the West Balcony of Commons. There was a rat running across it."

According to Brodt, students dining on the balcony were visibly disgusted. The rat ran from view of the students and professor, but not without leaving quite an impression. Brodt said "It was a decent sized rat. He was a fat one, too."

The next day, in the middle of high-traffic afternoon lunch, a rat ran under a table of students. Pandemonium ensued, and the problem was brought to the attention of the administration. Associate Vice President for Facilities & Planning Steve Ballona sent an all-campus email, explaining that the college was "aware of a rodent sighting in Commons Dining Hall and [was] working with its pest control contractor to address the problem."

Though the food in Commons is stored above the floor in containers as part of normal regulations, the rodents found enough food to make Commons



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their home. The rats were comfortable enough in Commons to rush out into the middle of the dining hall during peak eating hours. Likely entrance points are drains leading into the facility and the rear delivery points, which may stay open for extended periods of time during food delivery.

Students from the North Campus were forced to walk to McEwen for meals during a period of increasingly inclement weather. Residents of the South Campus were given a reprieve from the weekly Saturday and Sunday treks across Hamilton to Commons, which is typically the only weekend dining option for Hamilton students apart from the Howard Diner. Luckily for the North Campus residents, this will not become a regular occurrence. After the extermination crews left Sunday evening, there has been no evidence of rat activity in Commons kitchens or dining halls. The crews used all forms of traps for rats except for poison to avoid food contamination.

The Norway Rat, the likely culprit, is one of the most common rats in North America. Growing to a body length of nearly ten inches, they are known to eat their way through wire mesh to get at sources of food.

According to a 1964 study of the breed, their most-liked foods include scrambled eggs, macaroni and cheese, and cooked kernels of corn. They are also capable of metacognition, an animal's awareness of its own cognition, typically associated only with humans and primates.

Staff members at Commons and Bon Appetit declined to comment about the rodent sightings.

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The Posse 7 group at Hamilton all attended the retreat.

Posse Plus Retreat

Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

On February 8, a group of Posse scholars, mentors, administrators and friends gathered for the annual Posse Plus Retreat at the Radisson Inn in Utica. Roughly 100 participants spent the weekend meeting new people, engaging in thought-provoking discussions, and defining the term "social responsibility," which was the theme of the retreat. According to Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Rabinowitz, , the retreat "provided a wonderful, open and stimulating environment for the exploration of issues local and global, and for soul searching about our own level of activism about those issues. It brought members of the campus community together in a powerful way."

The weekend included bonding activities, games, and creative workshops. Posse scholar Sonya Garcia '11 said, "The creative workshops and activities were the best part about the retreat, it made me want to participate more in the discussions because it was not so formal." In one workshop, six participants came to the front of the room and were read a con

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Posse Plus Retreat Addresses "Social Responsibility" Issue

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troversial statement, such as "All immigrants are criminals" or "All women who have abortions are irresponsible." The chosen participants moved to one side of the room labeled "Strong angry" or the opposite end for "Strong disagree" according to their beliefs. They then defended their positions.

Participants were divided into small "family groups" of 5-10 people to discuss the weekend's activities. For many, the opportunity to meet people was the best part of the experience. "It gave everyone a chance to get to know one another, giving names to faces that we see everyday but never talked to," said Posse Scholar Dana Quigley '11.

The Retreat also gave students who are not in Posse an opportunity to learn about the organization, which has been a part of the Hamilton community for seven years. "We saw Posse as an opportunity to recruit and retain a distinguished and diverse group of students who would individually and collectively draw upon their talents as community minded leaders to enhance Hamilton's community as well as Hamilton's impact on communities beyond the hill," said Professor of Philosophy and mentor of Posse 4 Todd Franklin.

Posse is a national foundation in which colleges draw small and competitively-selected group of students from cities across the United States. Each college has a contract with a particular city, and Hamilton's contract is Boston. Posse seeks a diverse group of motivated student leaders in each city and its immediate suburbs. Each Hamilton Posse includes ten students, except for Posse 9, which has eleven. In Boston, there are roughly 1,000 nominations for about 60 slots. Each college fully funds the tuition of its Posse.

Once accepted into the Posse program during senior year of high school, students take on community projects together and work intensely for eight months to further prepare them for college. They meet as a group and individually with their advisor on a weekly basis. Professor of Government and mentor of Posse 8 Steve Orvis, loves working with the organization, and said "I enjoy doing it thoroughly and I'd like to be a mentor again."

Professor of History and mentor of Posse 9 Esther Kanipe, said that she considers each scholar as one of her own. She exclaimed, "It's like having eleven more kids! There are eleven people in my Posse and I love every one of them. Last year, at convocation, 6 out of the 11 people in my Posse won major prize scholarships. What other group can say that?"

While in the past, each individual Posse group decided the theme of the retreat and Posse mentors led each workshop, for the last three years all retreats have been professionally administered under a common theme. This year, all 26 Posse retreats around the nation were brought together with the theme of social responsibility. "I understand why they did that – they wanted a unifying experience throughout the country," said Kanipe. She did worry, however, that the retreat would be less personal and said, "There is something different about having Posse staff do it because they are so familiar with the students." Nonetheless, she was pleased with the retreat. "I still think the best part of the weekend is getting all these young people away from campus and having them talk to each other," Kanipe said.

Both the weekend overall and the theme were popular among students. "As a Sociology major, I constantly find myself analyzing trends and problems in various communities, but I hardly ever think about solutions to these problems. I'm too caught up in looking at how individuals are affected instead of playing the active role of someone who has the resources, knowledge, and power to be socially responsible," said Posse scholar Josh Cheung '08. He added, "One of the biggest lessons I've learned while at the retreat is this: as privileged college students, we are in a great position to be socially responsible for others."

Students returned to Hamilton on Sunday, February 10. "I'm already pumped for next year's retreat," said Quigley.

CommaFest: Participants Practice Proper Punctuation

By Lily Nathanson '11
News Writer

On February 7 at 9 p.m., the Hamilton Writing Center invited students, faculty, and writing tutors for a campus wide event in which students refreshed their skills on the basic rules of punctuation in a relaxed atmosphere. Students from all class years flocked to the KJ classrooms to explore how to perfect their writing skills while enjoying food, entertainment, and prizes.

The idea for the CommaFest came from the director of the Hamilton Writing Center, Sharon Williams. For Williams, the idea of conducting this interactive activity for students was to review the fundamental punctuation guidelines that people need to consider when completing any kind of writing assignment. She noted that, "Using punctuation correctly shows that you are careful, thoughtful, educated, and that you care about writing. It is an important element of writing well."

Williams planned the event with the help the writing tutor staff and the Faculty Advisory Committee, including Betsey Jensen of Economics, Kathryn Doran of Philosophy, and Ernest Williams of Biology. Writing tutors led small group sessions, created educational handouts for students, and helped design the fun tee-shirts and cupcakes that were handed out for contest winners.

Numerous teachers from departments including Biology, Sociology, Economics, Government, Philosophy, Physics, History, Computer Science, and English made it mandatory for their students to be present. In addition, many students showed up on their own accord, and the auditorium was packed throughout the night. Students punctuated practice sentences, participated in contests, and took advantage of a take home element for an extra challenge. Professor Jensen said, "I was very impressed by the students' willingness to think and participate. At a place like Hamilton, really across the board, we care about writing."

Students learned that making errors in punctuation can confuse a reader, and that confidence in knowing how to correctly form a sentence with the appropriate commas makes for a more efficient writing experience. The lessons and exercises at CommaFest helped students understand how to convey meaning more clearly through correct use of punctuation . Professor Margaret Thickstun, said, "Punctuating correctly benefits everyone; it gives your readers a better understanding of your meaning." Writing Tutor Chris Love '10 added, "Misplaced punctuation totally changes the meaning of sentences."

All in all, the entertaining event helped enliven the subject of punctuation so that students walked away with good knowledge on how to punctuate correctly. As Julia Howles '10 said, "Writing is a really important aspect of Hamilton; this workshop was a great way to refine grammar skills." Sarah Steiner '11 added, "The lessons I've learned here are definitely going to help me in my papers."

PHOTO BY KATIE TUMMARELLO '11

Hundreds of Students in the Annex for the Lunar New Year.

ACS Hosts Lunar New Year Festival

By Katie Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Chinese New Year is celebrated annually across Asia and, with the help of the Asian Cultural Society, right here at Hamilton. The day of the celebration is determined by the lunar cycle, and the celebration begins on the first day of the lunar calendar and ends fourteen days later with the Lantern Festival. This year, the New Year fell on February 7, but the dinner celebration catered by Flaming Wok occurred in Tolles Pavillion on Friday February 8.

While waiting for the Chinese food to arrive, co-chair of the Asian Cultural Society Wenxi Li '10 served students and faculty with information on the New Year with a slide show and presentation. She spoke about the legend of the Nián, the man eating beast that comes once a year to prey on humans, and who is popularly known from the Disney movie Mulan. Because of this creature's fear of noise and the color red, the colors of the celebration are red and gold, and they, surrounded the Hamilton Chinese New Year celebration.

Along with the history of the New Year celebration, everyone learned a little about the Chinese Zodiac. This year in the Chinese calendar focuses on the rat, the first of the twelve animals in the cycle, and which is not at all related to the rat in Commons. Instead, the Year of the Rat means it is time to focus on the intelligent, disciplined, and hardworking characteristics of the rodent and apply them to our own lives.

When the presentation was over and the food had arrived. People braved long lines to help themselves to tasty Chinese food from the Flaming Wok restaurant in New Hartford. The menu included vegetable lo mein, sesame chicken, grilled chicken, and fried rice among other dishes.

Along with good food, interesting information, and enjoyable company, the Asian Cultural Society provided a well decorated environment out of the Tolles Pavilion. Along with the lanterns, tablecloths, and candles, there were signs on the wall that wished everyone a happy new year in different Asian languages. The decorations were accompanied by Chinese music with a similar message of wishing a happy new year.

The idea of the Hamilton Chinese New Year Festival was about more than free Chinese food or giving students something to do on Friday night to avoid Commons at all costs. The Asian Cultural Society takes on this task of creating a Chinese New Year celebration at Hamilton to bring the campus together in experiencing and understanding elements of Asian culture. According to Li, "The rewarding moments of the night came not from the compliments on the food, but from seeing so many different kinds of people encountering and enjoying this piece of Asian culture."

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Writing Center tutors decorate cupcakes with punctuation.

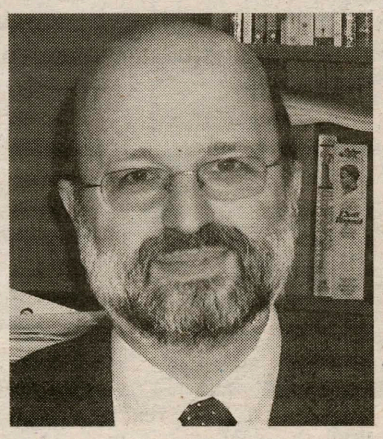
The Man, The Myth, The Legend: *Dean Joseph Urgo*

By Apolon '08
News Contributor

Dean Urgo remains the most elusive member of the Hamilton Administration, ever secluded in the well-decorated catacombs of Buttrick Hall or roaming abroad. But on Thursday he unveiled himself in his full glory and revealed to HALT (Hamilton Alumni Leadership Training) the many duties of a dean.

Urgo revealed to HALT that "nobody raises their hands in first grade and says they want to be the Dean of Faculty." Not even him. He took a more tortuous road, attending Haverford (a school much akin to our own) and studying political science because it was "important." A stint in a law office soon showed him that literature suited him better. When he emerged from Brown, PhD in hand, he became a professor, "because that's what you do with a PhD." But, when he became the head of the English Department at the University of Mississippi, his passion for improving the lives of students and faculty alike shone through. And, two years ago, he came to the Hill as Dean of Faculty. For Urgo, it felt like coming home.

He's a busy man. He describes himself as Hamilton's Quality Control agent and the prince of the campus. Any problem on campus that two people can't agree on ends up at his



desk. Seven hours of meetings and over five hundred emails a day. It's an intensely personnel driven job. But he still manages to find time to stay engaged with the students. He's a regular in the athletic stands and at Minor Theatre. Rumor has it that he even writes for The Daily Bull.

Dean Urgo likewise guides Hamilton to the future. His Strategic Planning Committee decides our direction (look for preliminary results of this year's work in two weeks!) for years to come, and he makes sure that the quality of the Hamilton education keeps up with the increasing quality of the Hamilton student.

Dean Urgo regularly travels across the country and abroad to speak to Hamilton alumni. While we are here, Urgo says, Hamilton dominates our thoughts. The Hill is timeless. It grants eternal youth to whoever is here. But once we leave, our old home becomes just a ghost in our minds. Urgo speaks to alumni to make Hamilton live again in their minds. He reminds them of what this place means and how it feels.

Alumni tell Urgo that they miss one thing in particular more than the rest--the classroom. That's why Urgo begins his meetings with alumni by reading poetry to them. He creates a free intellectual environment where anyone can say what they want without fear of being fired. And that's how Urgo ended his meeting with HALT: a poem by Robert Frost. That's just how he does things. It's a very different approach. But it works very well. That's why he's the Dean.

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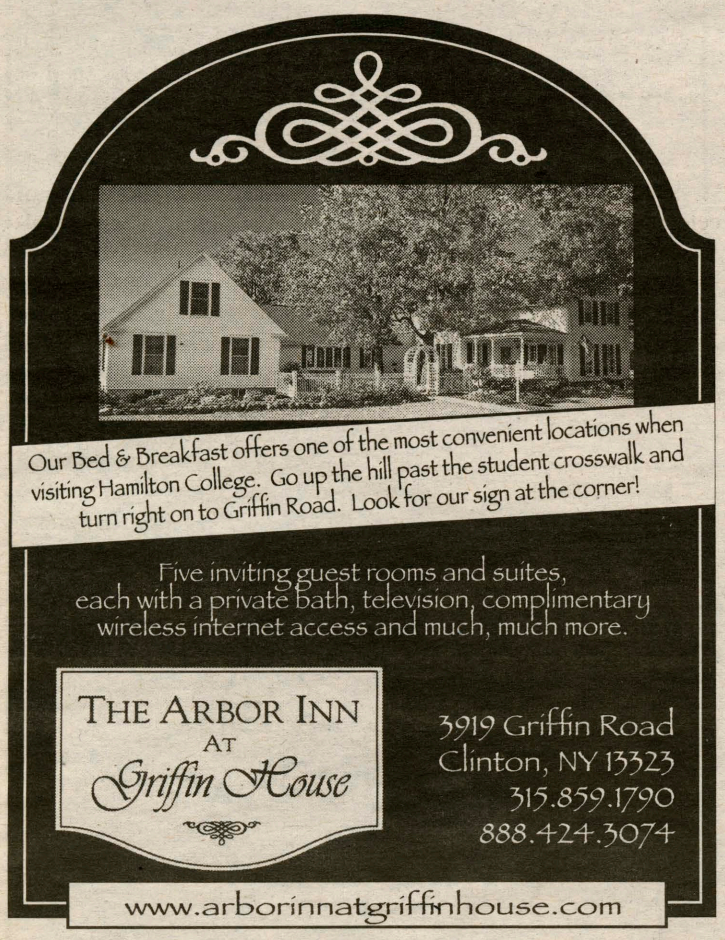
tasting and discussion with English professor Steve Yao in the Pub. The final event was a late night ice skating party, which featured a performance by the Skating Club, music, cookies, and hot chocolate. "The skating party was absolutely fantastic," said Haley Peterson'11. "It was a much needed break from studying and from the brutally cold weather. Everyone was enjoying themselves and many of us gave in to the urge to dance in our skates around the rink."

Tuesday offered more activities, including a continuation of the snoccer tournaments. Additionally, McEwen served a special Thanksgiving-themed dinner, featuring favorites such as turkey and mashed potatoes. Trivia night was held in the Pub, giving everyone a chance to test their knowledge. Prizes were offered to the team who arrived in the best costume. The night ended with an a cappella concert in the Chapel, featuring Special K, the Hamiltones, and Tumbling After.

Wednesday promised to be an exciting day, as it was supposed to end with a lecture by Hamilton alum and "The Office" writer and actor Paul Lieberstein'89. However, the talk was unfortunately cancelled because Mr. Lieberstein's flight into New York was turned around as a result of inclement weather. But now students have something to look forward to as Mr. Lieberstein has agreed to re-schedule his lecture for sometime later this semester.

Despite the change of plans for the evening, students still had the chance to unwind by making valentines, participating in a Saranac beer tasting from 4 to 6 p.m., and paying a visit to the Midnight Waffle Breakfast in Commons.

Overall, FebFest has proven to be a campus-wide success. With more events scheduled for the rest of the week, everyone still has the chance to get involved in the fun.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Fisher Price Took My Dignity (And Alcohol)

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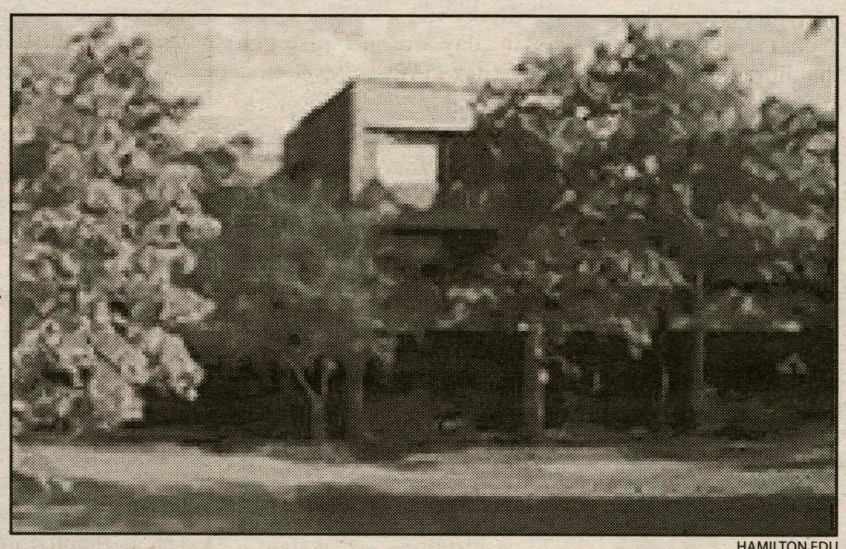
"It's the one with all the toys outside." That was the first thing my roommate said to me when I asked her which building we were going to be calling our home for the next year. I didn't really think anything of it. I really, really should have.

In August, I received a bright green piece of paper in the mail saying that I was living in substance-free housing. Nice try, but the blinding color of this paper wasn't going to distract me from the words "substance free" spilled all over it. So of course, I blew a total gasket. My 48 year-old mother tried to convince me that I was not a loser, and that I would not become a "tool" by living in sub-free housing. The fact that she used the word "tool" definitely worried me.

Mom didn't help, so the first place I went to with my concerns was the Internet. I checked the Hamilton website for more information. To quote the website, "Root Hall also features the Clinton Child Care Center on the first floor, where many students volunteer." Umm, a day-care is not a "feature," and trying to make me feel charitable via volunteering is not going to make me feel any better about it. You can't guilt me into this.

After the Hamilton website, I went to Facebook, (naturally). The "Root" discussion section of the "Hamilton College Class of 2011" group was split in opinion. Scandalous.



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So, of course, when we all got to campus no one bashed sub-free for a couple days. I guess no one wanted to insult the kids who requested sub-free, out of respect.

But not everything about Root is so easy to respect. One day when I was going up the stairs to my room with one of my friends, a woman came out of the third floor entrance of the daycare center. She proceeded to give us a dirty look while placing a sign that said "Shhh…the children are sleeping" on the outside of the door.

At this point I was thinking, "You have GOT to be kidding me." I live here, and you're telling me to be quiet?! I don't get to put a sign on my window at 7:30 a.m. that says "Shhh…the people who F*@#ING LIVE HERE are sleeping!"

You might be saying to yourself, "Awww, but they're only little kids, they're so cute." Look, when screaming children wake you up every morning, you will understand. When a child pulls the fire alarm that forces you out of the shower, you will understand.

My parents were thrilled about this arrangement. The first time I complained to them on the phone, they replied with, "Well, this should teach you the value of safe sex." I changed the subject.

When the time came to socialize, there was a new issue. Guys I met were actually going to ask me where I lived. Dammit. This is how the conversation went:

"So where are you living?"

"I-live-in-Root…"

"Oh…"

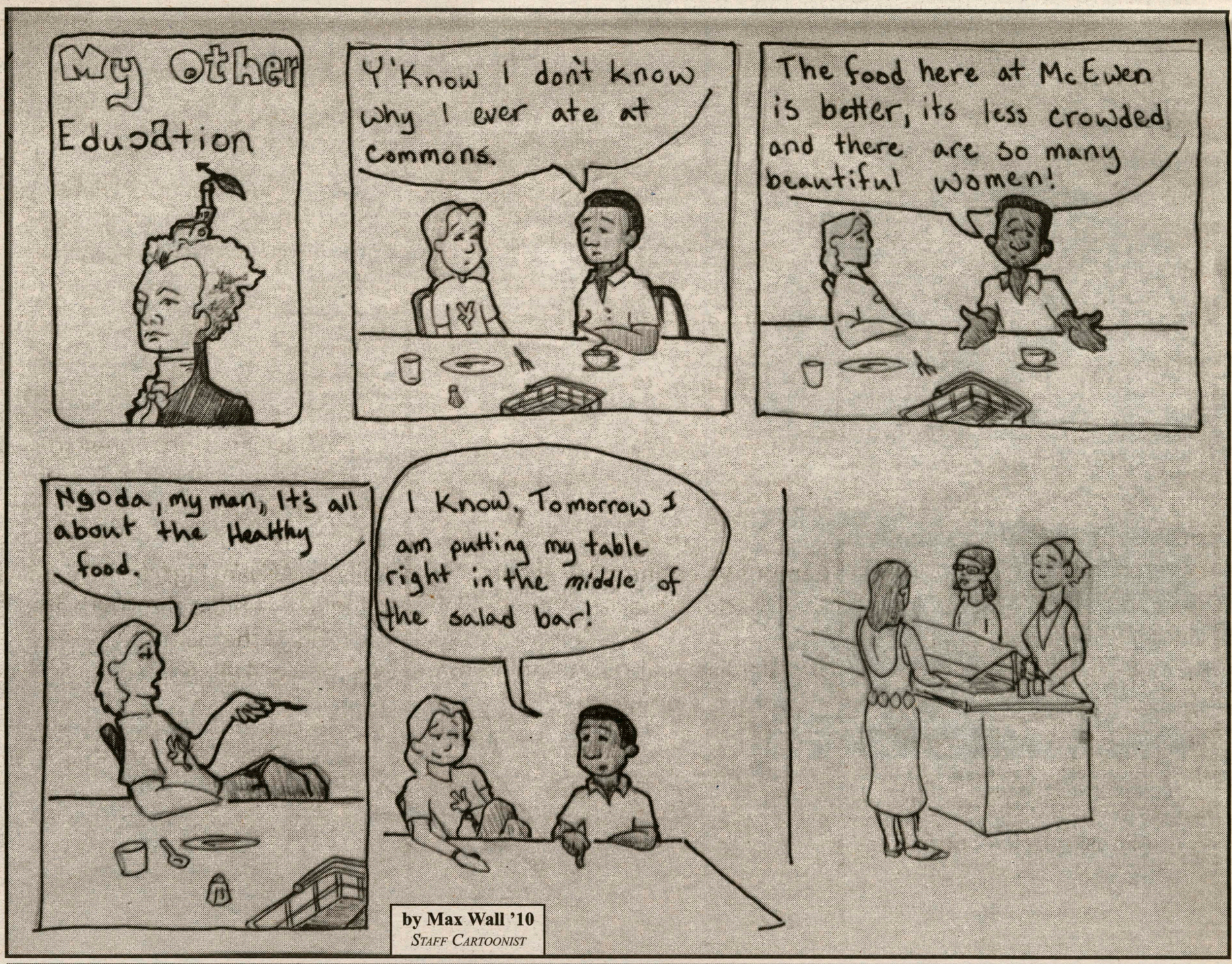
"But I didn't request it (awkward laugh)!"

This conversational sequence of events followed me everywhere. Mostly, it just made me think about the conversation I had with my parents about safe sex. And then I wanted to throw up.

But then I thought about the fact that my residence probably protected me from making some really bad decisions. Ha. Yeah Brooke, keep thinking that.

Then again, I'm only thinking about this from a female perspective. I can't even imagine what it's like for guys. Talk about defending your manhood. Maybe it helps with the "sensitive guy" approach, but I sincerely hope that it isn't necessary. What about the Root residents who are freshmen guys on sports teams? You have to convince your teammates that, although you're not badass enough to be living in South or Dunham, you're still fully capable of workin' the ladies *and* the sports field even though you were doomed to sub-free housing. You better come up with something good.

Many others have gone through this struggle, and many have lived to *not* tell the story. If you want to live in sub-free, I respect your values, and I'm in no position to insult them. You have every right to be proud of the way you think. For those of us who feel weird about it, we can move past substance free, and not talk about it. Sorry Elihu Root, but you have a lot of other buildings with your last name attached, you were pretty famous and pretty loaded. This is no chip off your legacy.


My Other Education
Y'know I don't know why I ever ate at commons.
The food here at McEwen is better, its less crowded and there are so many beautiful women!
Ngoda, my man, It's all about the Healthy food.
I know. Tomorrow I am putting my table right in the middle of the salad bar!

by Max Wall '10
Staff Cartoonist

The Holiday from Hell?

by Scott Bixby '11
Insights & Ideas Editor

Valentine's Day, the pressure-filled day of high expectations and crushing disappointment for those in a relationship, and a doldrums-inducing day of mourning and depression for the legions of Hamilton singles, is finally over. A holiday designed to make you feel like utter crap about yourself, single or not, Valentine's Day was invented by De Beers, Hallmark and Godiva Chocolatier. It was originally dubbed "Singles Awareness Day." The actual Saint Valentine is shrouded in mystery, and, as likely as not, had nothing to do with expensive dates, candy, or sitting on your futon with a pint of ice cream, watching *Never Been Kissed* and writing about it in your journal. I mean…

The biggest problem isn't being either hopelessly single or helplessly confined to a relationship; it's the total destruction of your very high expectations. Realistic or not, every single person alive has the tiniest flicker of hope for finding love on Valentine's Day, and nine times out of ten, that flicker is mercilessly snuffed out.

And you "lucky" few who have actual, tangible romantic plans for V-Day? Don't feel so awesome yet. You aren't safe from this disappointment either. Valentine's Day is way too significant a holiday to not collapse under the weight of its own perceived importance. No dinner on that horrible day has gone all the way to completion without a spilled glass of wine, an accidental comment that earns someone a night on the couch, or a small chemical fire. On February 14, everyone is Clark Griswold.

Some poor people are pressured by the weightiness of this day to prematurely declare their love for someone, the fallout of which I've been an unlucky witness to, both in real life and on several teen dramadies. Even under the best of circumstances, with the most understanding date receiving the idiotic remark, the best that can be hoped for is a polite "thank you," followed by an hour of soul-crushing silence and a long drive home.

Even more painful than the complete lack of self-worth the day instills in you is the sight of couples who, inexplicably, have escaped the misery. Snuggles, kisses, hugs, and card exchanges… The only way a single person could be more upset by these *very* public displays of affection is for the dynamic duo to stretch out their arms and thrash them. Either that, or play Tom Jones' *Sexbomb* loud enough to make the walls shake.

The day doesn't just get me because of my current singleness (can I make it more politically correct and call it "couple-y limited?"). It reminds me of every time I have been dumped, rejected, cheated on, stood up, or otherwise had my heart thrown into a blender set on "frappe." Mental tangents where I think, "if only I hadn't done X, Y, and Z…" race through my head, and instead of thinking about the *CSI* marathon I'm watching, I think about all the Valentine's Day dates that could have been.

I don't mean this to be a tangential emo diatribe about how miserable this day makes every single guy or girl in the known universe. To that lucky couple who had a wonderful time on Valentine's Day, congratulations. Us singles truly mean it. We can't hate you for having the day we always dreamed of (though we can sure as hell try). Kudos on your romance. Seriously.

Now, you guys *must* have a single friend somewhere, right? Misery loves company, you know.

The Truth Has No Author

The Gossip Box

"While Martin's Away, the Rodents Do Play."

The Rumor

The timing of Martin the Martin's Way Cat's disappearance and the rodent situation in Commons Dining Hall is more than a coincidence. Martin has been removed from his former post, perhaps permanently, allowing the occupation of the Light Side's only dining facilities by rodents as well as McEwen Dining Hall's replacement as Hamilton's top spot for weekend dining.

The Evidence

Martin, the orange tabby cat who has lived on the Light Side of Martin's Way since the Kirner-Johnson construction project drove him from the Dark Side last year, recently went missing, not having been spotted at any of his usual haunts (including the exterior of Commons) since the semester began. It can be safely assumed that Martin, used to the chilly Central New York winters, is unlikely to have absconded to warmer climates. Within weeks of Martin's vanishing, rodents somehow "found" their way into Commons. The sudden appearance of an indeterminate number of Norway Rats in Commons caused its swift closure last weekend, forcing the entire population of the Light Side to traverse the campus in an ironic reversal of Hamilton's typical weekend dining plans (even more ironic, Light Siders failed to see the irony). With no word yet on how successful the "shock and awe" campaign against the rats was, the schlep to McEwen may become a regular occurrence.

The Conclusion

Though a majority of the Dark Side views Martin favorably, a faction who viewed his move to the Light Side of campus as a betrayal is responsible for his disappearance. In a move that effectively kills two birds with one stone, the Dark Side has its beloved mascot back, and no longer has to traipse to Commons every weekend. Meanwhile, Commons is left defenseless in the face of a rat invasion that threatens to consume us all.

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Thumbs up

Excelsior Campaign thrusts forward as endowment bulges, new buildings erected... God, the Women's Center is going to be pissed about how we worded (and spelled) this one.

Our Daily Bull Cartoon shout out. We would recommend using the Daily Bull as toilet paper but both sides are already covered in sh*t.

Giving up smoking cigarettes for Lent. Now you can spend money on healthy things, like Mad Dog and weed.

Barrows and Pumla smash school basketball records, nice f*&^ing job.

Thumbs down

Mexican night at Commons... as though indigestion wasn't a huge problem already.

FebFest... apparently the only way to make the same sh*t we do every weekend fun is to charge $5 for it.

CAB Comedian makes weather jokes... f%$#ing hilarious. But seriously, Bob Saget?

Campus Valentine's Day events... yeah, because making crappy valentines in Commons is going to make you feel better about spending the night with your hand.

by Sarah Cornblath '08
& Anthony DelConte '10

Who Cares

You lost your black north face at a Bundy party... more concerning, however, is how to find your dignity.

"Is Emergency Contraception Murder" lecture... I don't know, do you have enough money to finance drug-addled illegitimate children?

Wally vs. Al Ham Pig: If you're trying to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Hamilton Burr Duel, you're 4 years late.

The Buffers and their stupid Buffergrams.

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Served with fries.....*market price*

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Breaded with japanese bread crumbsand deep fried.Served with fries & cole slaw.....*market price*

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Broccoli Roll.....$12.99
Antipasto Roll.....$14.99

Whole wheat dough offered upon availability.

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full tray.....$12.00

From The Sub Station

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	1/2	Whole
Ham	$4.99	$6.50
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Salami	$4.99	$6.50
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All subs include lettuce, tomatoes, onions and american cheese.

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All wraps come with fries & pickle.

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Solitary Confinement Veggie Pie
Mushrooms, onions, peppers, olives & tomatoes with mozzarella.....$17.99

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Chicken breast, mozzarella & spicy buffalo wing sauce (mild, med, hot).....$15.99

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Pepperoni, peppers, onions, mushrooms, sausage & tomatoes.....$16.99

Additional Toppings: add $1.00-sm. $1.50-lg.

Whole wheat pizza dough offered upon availability.

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10.....$6.75
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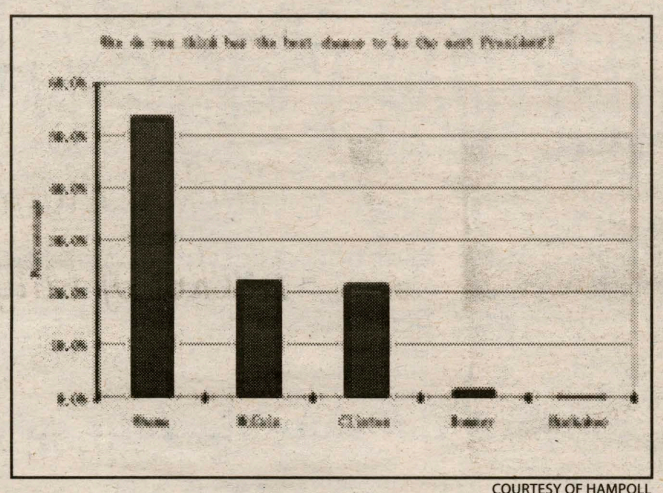
HamPoll Shows Student Body Favoring Obama

by HamPoll Staff

Barack Obama garnered 55.6 percent support as the candidate most likely to win the presidential election from the 409 Hamilton students who participated in an online survey conducted prior to Super Tuesday. This percentage far exceeds those of John McCain and Hillary Clinton, who received 22.3 percent and 21.8 percent support respectively.

The population who took the survey identified themselves as 55 percent Democratic, 13.2 percent Republican, and 23.7 percent Independent. Caucasians made up 87.8 percent of respondents, Black/African Americans 2.0 percent, Latino/Latina/Hispanic 2.0 percent, Asians 3.9 percent, Native Americans 0.5 percent, and Others 3.9 percent. 46.9 percent of respondents were male, while 53.1 percent were female. Interest in the primaries was high, as 93 percent of respondents felt at least somewhat acquainted with the issues, including 40 percent who considered themselves to be well acquainted.



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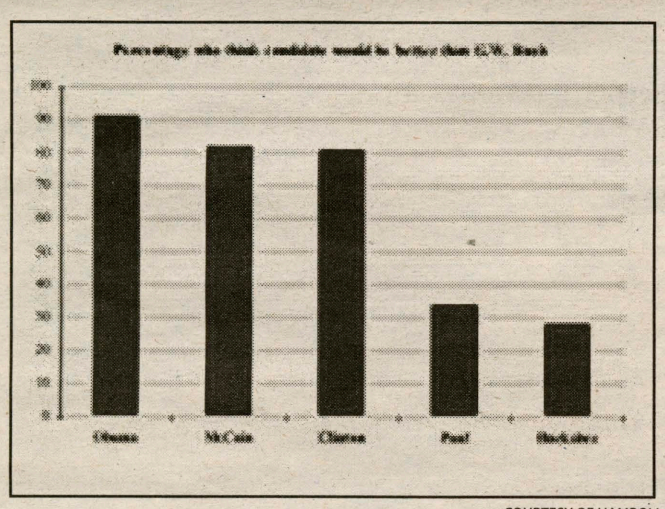
Hamilton students believe that Barack Obama has the best chance at winning.



COURTESY OF HAMPOLL

According to Hamilton students, most candidates would be better than the current executive of the nation.

The qualities most important in the decision to vote in the primaries were the candidates' positions on important issues (93 percent considered this to be very important), the candidates' personal integrity (73 percent) and the candidates' experience (33.7 percent). The candidates' political party was not considered to be of major importance, and support for Obama was prevalent throughout the student population: 59.5 percent of self-identified Democrats, 46.3 percent Independents, and even 40 percent of Republicans supported him over the other candidates. The support from self-identified Republicans was most surprising as Obama came within 5 votes of beating the leading Republican candidate, John McCain. Also, while the focus of the Democratic primaries has at times shifted to one of a female candidate vs African-American candidate, there was no significant correlation between support for Obama or Clinton with race or gender. The great majority of respondents felt that the United States is ready for either a female or a black president. Further, 90 percent of respondents felt that Obama will perform as President better than the current President. This percentage compares with 81 percent for Hilary Clinton, 81 percent for John McCain, 28 percent for Mike Huckabee, and 24 percent for Mike Gravel.

As for issues concerning the primaries, only 10 percent of respondents believe the Bush tax cuts should be permanent for all, while 75 percent believe there should either be a path for illegal immigrants to citizenship or a guest worker program, and 60.1 percent support federally mandated universal healthcare coverage. There was no correlation between the respondents' opinion on these issues with the candidate they support. However, there was a slight difference in the issues of most importance amongst respondents supporting each candidate: the top three issues Obama supporters care about are the Iraq war, environment, and the economy; McCain supporters the Iraq war, economy, and taxes; Clinton supporters the Iraq war, economy, and health care; Huckabee supporters the Iraq war, health care, and abortion.

Have a crappy Valentine's Day? Need a not-so-secret admirer? If you write for Features, we will totally be crushing on you, we promise...
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A Look at the Local Ski Scene

by Heather Finney '09
FEATURES CONTRIBUTER

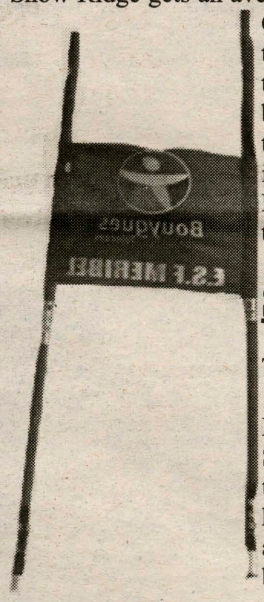
Don't let the weather get you down – go play in it. We may not be in the best part of the country for skiing, but within about an hours drive you can find some half-way descent slopes without paying and arm and a leg. It's a long winter so you might as well try and enjoy it.

Toggenburg

Fabius, NY (40 mi. from Clinton, 1 hour driving).
With a 700ft vertical drop, 24 trails, and 3 lifts, Toggenburg isn't much to brag about. The lodge isn't fabulous unless you go to the restaurant in the back (which also has a killer bar). However, at $10 per lift ticket with a college ID, it's hard to complain.

Snow Ridge

Turin, NY (45 mi from Clinton, 1 hour and 15 min driving)
Claiming to be "The East's Heaviest Snowfall", Snow Ridge gets an average 230" of snow a year.



Comparable to Toggenburg, it's a low mountain with only 22 trails and 6 chairs. Again, the lodge doesn't have too much to offer, but there is a bar and a restaurant adjacent to the lodge. The $33 day lift ticket is worth it just for the promise of good natural snow. Make sure to check out the glade trails on the northern side of the mountain.

Song Mountain

Tully, NY (47.4 mi from Clinton, 1 hour and 10 min driving)
Run by the same owners as Snow Ridge, Song Mountain is *slightly* larger with 24 trails, 5 lifts, and comparable vertical drop; however, they get far less snow – about 125" annually on average. The lodge is far nicer, but don't be surprised if you find yourself surrounded by SU students who've never skied before and probably should never again. For $39 bucks a day it's not you're best bet, but a nice change of scenery.

Labrador Mountain

Truxton, NY (46.9 mi from Clinton, 1 hour and 15 min driving)
With the same vertical drop, snowfall, 2-less runs, and 1-less chair than Song Mountain, one might wonder why they would drive to Truxton, NY to ski. I would suggest Labrador to those who enjoy the après ski experience as much (if not more) than the actual skiing: The Last Run Bar & Restaurant is fabulous and with "college night beer and wing specials" who can resist?

McCauley Moutain

Old Forge, NY (58.9 mi from Clinton, 1 hour and 30 min driving)
With 21 runs, 5 lifts, a 633ft vertical drop, and only 200" of snowfall each year, McCauley is often overlooked. But look again, for $25 a day (with college ID) you can get some incredible views of the surrounding Adirondack mountains. For the entire month of March you can ski their cross-country trails for free and SnoCross (an annual snowmobile race on March 8th and 9th) will warrant a discounted ticket as well as entertainment. The town of Old Forge has lots to offer where the lodge is lacking.

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Hamilton Chapel Now Open All Night

by Jeff McArn
College Chaplain

You're up for an all-nighter to get a research paper in… You're having an anxiety attack and need a late night place to collect yourself… Your roommate has kicked you out of the room in the middle of the night for "various reasons"… The library is closing and you need a quiet place to study… You're looking to tickle the ivories of a piano, or meditate, or pray, or reflect on life… and it's deep in the night. Where ya gonna go?

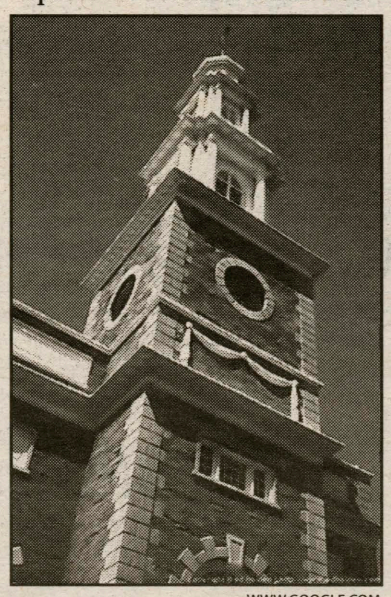
The Chapel.

What spaces can I use in the chapel?

The Chapel will be open all night beginning this weekend until further notice. You will have unlimited access to the following spaces: 1) Chapel downstairs with piano, and pews for prayer and reflection, 2) Lounge meeting area (three couches plus two comfy chairs), 3) study space (four study tables, surrounded by an extensive spiritual library from various faith traditions, 4) seminar room (12 chairs around a table with TV/DVD player), 5) kitchenette with makings for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and occasional goodies in the fridge, 6) Muslim Prayer Room and Meditation Room for prayer and reflection.

Are any spaces upstairs in the chapel reservable?

You or your group can reserve space upstairs in the chapel… it's a great meeting space. Call (x4856) or e-mail (lnassimo@hamilton.edu) our Office Coordinator Lisa Nassimos and she can let you know which spaces are available when. You



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can reserve three different spaces: 1) Chapel Lounge area, 2) Chapel Seminar Room, and 3) Meditation Room.

Some groundrules so we can continue to keep the space open all night…

The chaplaincy is excited about making this great resource for the campus available all night. We're hoping everyone will abide by the following few principles in using the space.

1) Don't take or break stuff!
2) You can check books out of the library… just follow instructions.
3) Clean up after yourself in the kitchen, and make sure all spaces are cleared of personal items by the start of a new business day.
4) Use the Meditation Room for prayer and reflection only (**no studying in the Meditation Room please!**) and remember to take off your shoes before entering the Meditation Room or the Muslim Prayer Room.
5) No alcohol.

What offices are upstairs in the chapel?

Three chaplaincy offices: **Jeff McArn**, *College Chaplain (Protestant)*, **Rabbi David Levy**, *Jewish Chaplain*, and **Fr. John Croghan**, *Catholic Chaplain.*
Plus **Amy James**, *Coordinator of Special Projects*, and **Susan Mason**, *Director of Education / Oral Communications Programs*

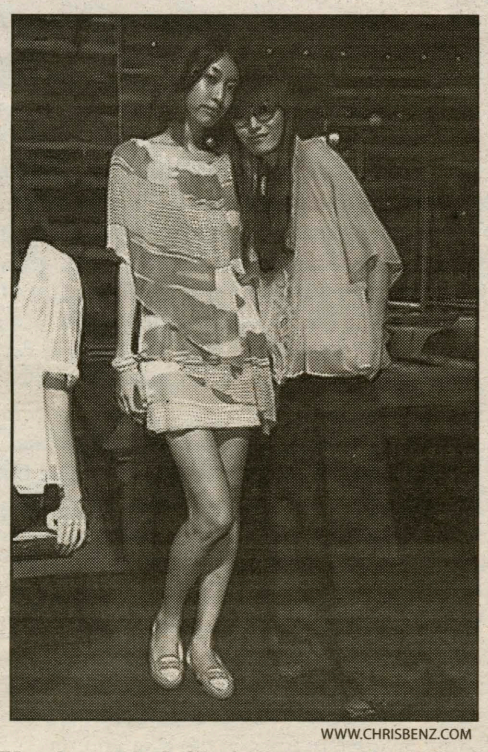
There is a new campus phone in the chapel lounge area in the event of emergency. Hope you will consider making the chapel your late-night home away from home for studying, relaxing, and praying!

HauteLife: Talking with Editor and Stylist David Yassky, Fashion's Best Kept Secret

by Nonyelum Chizea '08
Fashion Columnist

Interning at WWD was the best experience of my life because not only was I surrounded by creativity, but I was able to be a part of it. I helped with production, requesting fashion samples from fashion houses and Fashion PR Firms, and being a Fashion Assistant at some shoots. I also went to the shows of **Gustavo Arango** and the new Fashion IT Designer **Doo-Ri Chung**. The internship sounds glossy on paper, but I did not escape some "*Devil Wears Prada*" tasks like running around town to pick up samples from **Louis Vuitton**, **Vera Wang** and making sure the models' shoes were clean for the shoot.

WWD was an amazing experience, and is not for the faint hearted. I learned a lot from watching, speaking and working with fashion professionals. At WWD, I met the wonderful David Yassky who I think is Fashion's best kept secret. David is the most stylish person I have met to date because he mixes British tidiness with Manhattan funk.



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Yassky styled Chris Benz at New York Fashion Week this year.

In this edition of HauteLife, David talks about his activities during New York Fashion Week as well as his career, and the ups and downs of working in the Fashion Industry.

DAVID YASSKY

Current Job title: Freelance Fashion Editor and Stylist
Education: Parson, B.A. Design Management

Previous Jobs
WWD Bookings Editor

"I was in charge of casting models by working closely with the fashion editors to see what type of look in a model they needed for a shoot. Additionally, I was responsible for the production of shoots which include catering, transportation, hair and make-up designers and finding a location for a shoot. In this position, I was practically in charge of holding everything together for a shoot. If a model suddenly fell ill at 3am and we had a 7am call time for a shoot, I would have to call his or her agency and find someone to replace her. It was stressful at times, but you had to get the job done."

WWD Fashion Market Editor

"As Fashion Market Editor, I worked from 10am until 7pm. During fashion week, I was up and about at around 9am and did not return to the office until about 8 or 9pm. Working as Market Editor meant that I visited the fashion market in terms of going to see what the designers had to offer and present. For example, I would go to a fashion house and if I saw something that I really liked or thought was up and coming, I would mark it down in the look-books.

After visiting the markets, I would write a review and critique of what was presented. I also was a stylist as well and WWD is one of the only publications in which the editors are stylists as well. Other publications usually have separate well known stylists like Alex White and Brooke Magnaghi in addition to their editors.

At WWD I also had the opportunity to pitch ideas for shoots to the Executive Editor **Bridget Foley** at editorial meetings. For example I went to visit an exhibit in which the artist had a lot of bright colors and bold statements with his work. I decided to do a shoot call *Quirky Excess* where I had models wearing very bright clothing, with big necklaces and medallions and all sort of things that were excessive and quirky.

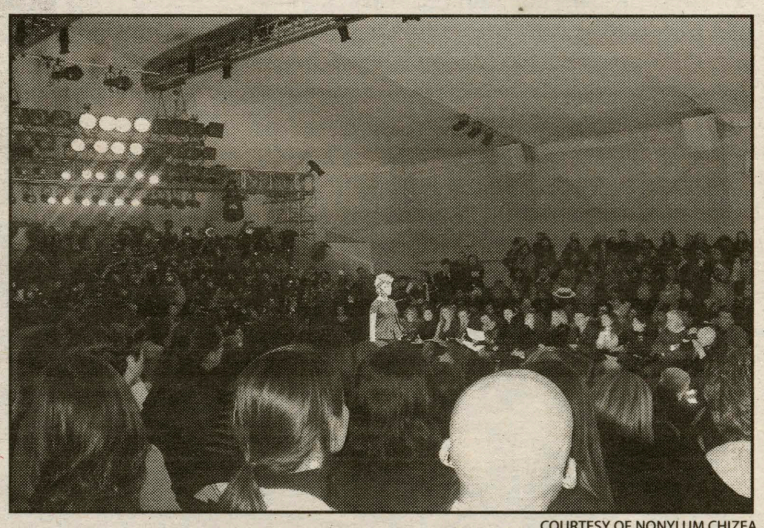
The one thing about being in fashion is that you can get your ideas from anywhere and try to work that into creating an idea for a shoot."

Art Director at Neiman Marcus

"At Neiman, I worked with the Advertising department and created photo adverts for Neiman Marcus in *the New York Times* and *W*."

Chizea: What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?
Yassky: "I will definitely be in the fashion industry and would love to be a Fashion Director of at Magazine."

Chizea: Tell us about New York Fashion Week.
Yassky: For this year's week, I styled **Christian Cota** and **Chris Benz** and casted **Joanna Mastroianni**. It was a lot of work, but very fun and rewarding. Before working on these shows, I met with the designers and talked with them about their collections and what they wanted people to see at their shows. I also edited the shows. In a collection, a designer may have 55 looks. It was then my job to edit it down to 30 or 40 looks for the show. I also worked with them on finding the accessories they wanted for their looks in addition to choosing hair and make-up and the processional order of models.



COURTESY OF NONYLUM CHIZEA

As an intern in the fashion industry, Chizea got to attend many fashion shows, like this one for by Doo-Ri Chung.

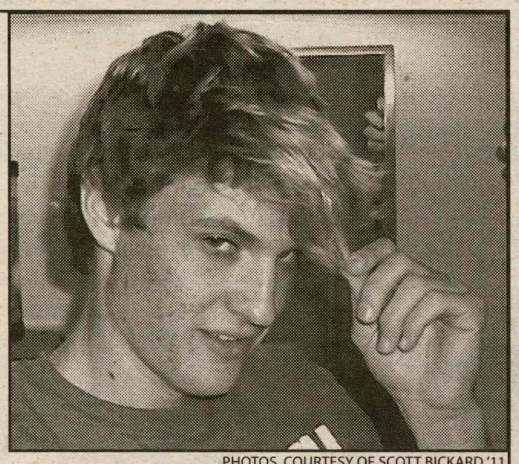
Chizea: What great gifts have you gotten?
Yassky: I got a kangaroo skin pillow once. I also get lots of massage gift certificates, flowers, food like cookies and cakes. At Fashion week I get lots of gift bags, which usually have fragrances and other nice things.

Chizea: What is the worst gift you have ever gotten?
Yassky: I got a very ugly tie once. It was horrible.

Chizea: What advice can you give students interested in fashion?
Yassky: Be tenacious, keep in touch with contacts you make, don't be shy and don't give up. Additionally, the worst thing I have to deal with in this industry is attitude. Everyone in fashion has an ego and an opinion. People are very creative and are constantly looking for and outlet. As **Bobbi Queen,** Senior Fashion Editor, at WWD said, "Fashion Editorial is for frustrated Fashion designers!"

Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Scott Bickard '11



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Age: 19
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 5' 9"
Sign: Bunt
Hometown: Bethpage, Strong Island
Major: Undecided
On Campus Activities: Cross Country/Track, SAAC, IM softball/soccer, DJ chaPStick
Interested In: Women
What You Are Looking For Now: Whatever lands in the basket

Ideal Date:

On Campus: Study date
Off Campus: Apple picking
Turn Ons: Asians, fjs, lefties, fruity perfume
Turn Offs: Sea food, Boston, wedgies, really long legs
Dating Deal Makers: A cutie with some feistiness
Dating Deal Breakers: Chapped Lips

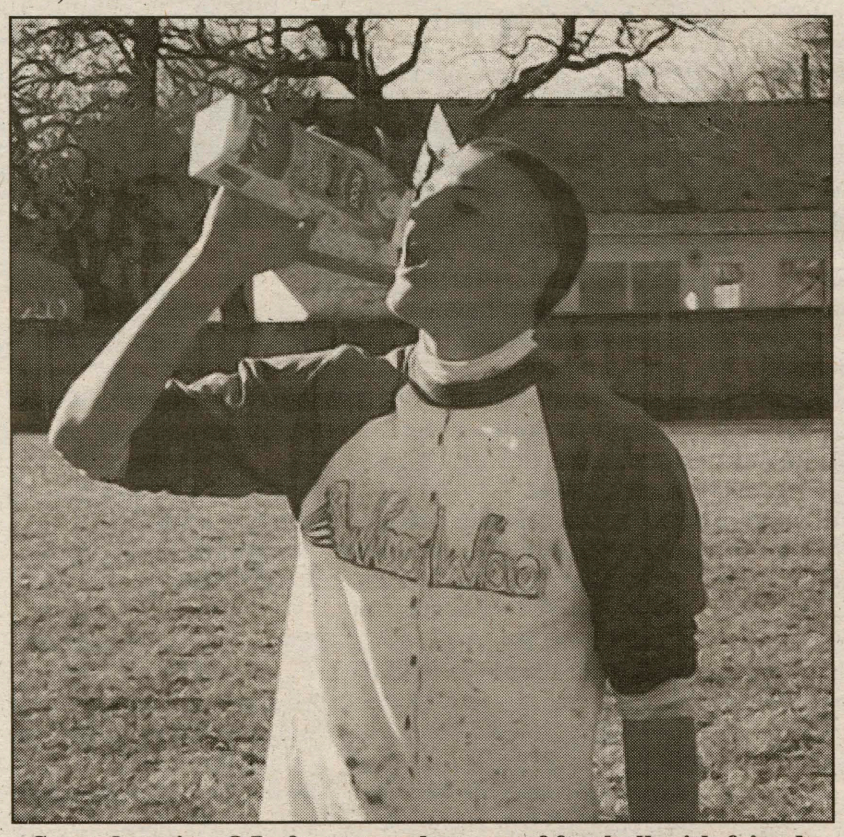
Favorites

Place On Campus: Commons XC table
Exercise At The Gym: Push-ups
Gift to give: Valentine's day chocolate
Gift to get: College gear
Song: "I just died in your arms tonight"
Book: *Loose Balls* by Jayson Williams
Movie: "V for Vendetta"
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Everything I listen to
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: "Hitch" - best romantic comedy of all time
Celeb Crush: Hayden Panettiere
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Sitcom: Nip/Tuck
Quote: "Tomorrow never comes" – Peter Kosgei

If I were an animal I would be: A bear raised by humans
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to: The Galapagos to explore.
If I were a character from English lit, I would be: Ron Weasely so I could go out with Hermione.

The best pick-up line I have used: "You're cute."
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: Anything pretty much works
If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:

A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other:



Scott downing OJ after a tough game of football with friends.

Rosie Haroutunian'10

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Age: 20
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 5'8"
Sign: Libra/Scorpio Cusp
Hometown: Great Barrington,MA
Major: Art History
On Campus Activities: the only team where uniforms aren't required…
Interested In: Men
What You Are Looking For Now: Something fulfilling

Ideal Date:

On Campus: The best date I've ever had at Hamilton involved a barefoot glen walk, rock paint, mud baths, trampoline jumping, skinny dipping, and a full-frontal sketch. I think we might have freaked out some half-baked 4:20ers. If you can top that, I'd drop my drawers in a heart-beat.
Off Campus: Café Domenico!!
Turn Ons: Artsy heady crunchy-outdoor nudie-enthusiasts from somewhere south of Bohemia who have stubble and think kale is the spice of life…but I'll go for anyone with self-ownership and a sense of humor
Turn Offs: stiff, prepto-abismal, fancy-pants econ majors
Dating Deal Makers: Deep, passionate, metaphysical mind-f*$k conversations… but I usually settle for raunchy intercourse (the verbal banter kind)
Dating Deal Breakers: Awkward situations where the things that are not being said are screaming so loud you can't hear what the other person is saying

Favorites

Place On Campus: The sneaky little room in List where the music professors have their cubbies
Exercise At The Gym: Power Yoga, but actually I hate the gym. It makes me feel like a lab rat hooked up to a machine in some God-awful science experiment… I can almost see the men in white coats leering over their clipboards.
Gift to give: Something artsy-craftsy and home made
Gift to get: Colorful scarves
Song: "We've Been Had" by the Walkmen
Book: *The Celestine Prophecy*
Movie: Before Sunrise and Before Sunset…No guilt attached!
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "A Sentence of Sorts in Kongsuingar" by Of Montreal
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Under the Tuscan Sun
Celeb Crush: Ethan Hawk
Breakfast: Alfalfa sprouts and dino-pony pancakes
Sitcom: "Faulty Towers"
Quote: "Courage is not the absence of fear; it is simply the judgment that something else is more important."

If I were an animal I would be: a Pegasus, cause they can run AND fly. Plus, I'd get to be Hercules' sassy ride.
If I were a character from English lit, I would be: Emma Woodhouse. Somehow I always end up playing the best friend match-maker role and never get any ass of my own because I'm too proud and independent to admit I want anyone.
The best pick-up line I have used: Picture a dark, sketchy ELS basement party. You make eye contact with your crush from across the room. You beckon them over with two little jerks of the index, when they arrive you tell them, "I got you to come with one finger, imagine what I could do with two." Former Bachelor of the Week Max Wall pulled that one on me first party freshman year and I've been using it ever since…needless to say it worked like a charm.
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: Funny story. I once found myself in a pretty pickle trying to explain to two hard-core macken bros that I hadn't hooked up with anyone at college yet and didn't plan on starting any time soon. While this is going on the previously mentioned bachelor is across the room dancing with a lonely bottle of rum, eyes closed, subtly eavesdropping. His ears prick up. He looks me right in the eye, runs across the room, dips me, and lays it on. I'm talking one of those "take me by control" Hollywood wet ones.
If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:

A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other_I used to have an alter ego named Olga who had a beard and trained bears for the circus. She also had this knack for milking bears and could make sweaty bear cheese…maybe she'd help out.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Weekly Charts

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Sleep Through the Static - Jack Johnson
2. Black to Black - Amy Winehouse
3. River- The Joni Letters- Herbie Hancock
4. Across the Universe - Various Artists
5. Juno - Various Artists

Top Songs
1. Low - Flo Rida
2. Don't Stop the Music - Rihanna
3. Love Song - Sara Bareilles
4. New Soul - Yael Naim
5. With You - Chis Brown

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. Fool's Gold
2. Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins
3. Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus
4. The Eye
5. Juno
6. 27 Dresses
7. The Bucket List
8. Rambo
9. Meet the Spartans
10. There Will Be Blood

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH, by Ken Follett
2. ATONEMENT, by Ian McEwan
3. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
4. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
5. THE 6TH TARGET, by James Patterson

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
3. THE GIFT OF FEAR, by Gavin de Becker
4. THE INNOCENT MAN, by John Grisham
5. THE AUDACITY OF HOPE, by Barack Obama

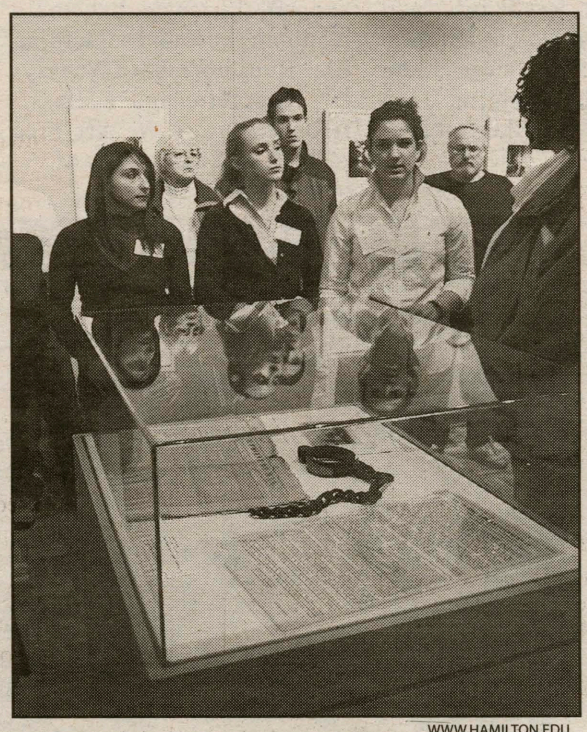
Emerson Gallery Features *Unsung Heroes*

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Currently on display in the Emerson Gallery, *Unsung Heroes: African American Soldiers in the Civil War* sheds light on the impact of African Americans during the 1860's. The exhibit contains more than forty photographs, taken by William Earle Williams, of Civil War battle sites across the East. A graduate of Hamilton College in 1973, Williams has visited many sites of importance during the Civil War in order to gather both information about the battles and photographs of relatively unknown locations.

His exhibition is a way of chronicling the triumphs and setbacks of the African American community during the Civil War, somewhat of a forgotten segment of the war's history. The magnitude of their impact has gone mostly unnoticed by many Americans, although over 180,000 served in the Union Army alone, encompassing 163 units. Although many free African Americans fought for both the Union and the Confederates, many slaves joined the fight as well. July 17, 1862, marked an important day for many soldiers, as two separate acts passed by Congress allowed the enlistment of African Americans in the Army.

From that point on, their influence on the troops around them became one of the largest factors on the outcome of the Civil War. At first, many white soldiers and ranking officials believed African Americans to be insufficient fighters, as well as a danger to troop morale, even in the North. This sentiment was quickly erased as the First Kansas Colored Volunteers drove back a Confederate guerilla force at the Skirmish at Island Mound, earning respect from all troops in the Union, regardless of race. This trend continued throughout the next few years as African American troops continued to prove their worth, in conflicts such as the Battle of Port Hudson and the ambush at Honey Springs, Oklahoma. However, the assault on Fort Wagner is known to be the most important battle for African Americans in the Civil war, where the 54th Massachusetts Infantry attacked a fortified Confederate base. The North ultimately lost, but the recognition earned by the troops encouraged more recruitment of African Americans. This increase incruitment allowed the North to place more troops in areas that were not well fortified, easing the minds of many Civil War generals. Because of this, the Union was able to defeat the Confederates. Unfortunately, until recently the efforts African American soldiers in the Civil War went on without recognition, despite the fact that they played a large role in the outcome.



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Students gather to see Williams' work.

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***Unsung Heroes* exhibit is featured in Emerson**

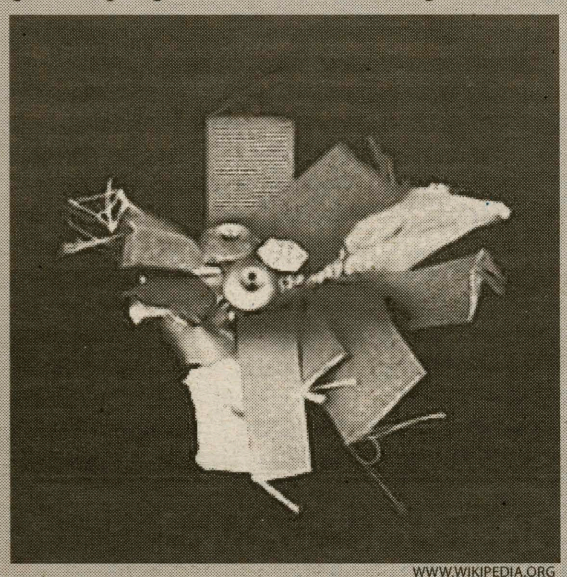
The exhibition in the Emerson Gallery exemplifies the struggle that these soldiers went through during a time when the future of slavery and segregation was uncertain. William Earle Williams, currently a professor of fine arts at Haverford College, has spent the last ten years collecting Civil War photographs, as well as producing his exhibit. *Unsung Heroes: African American Soldiers in the Civil War* will be featured in the Emerson Gallery until April 13, 2008, and will then continue its national tour. Anyone who studies African American history, the Civil War, or is intrigued by photography should visit this exhibit before it is too late!

WHCL Album of the Week

Prinzhorn Dance School - Prinzhorn Dance School

by Chris Rand '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Upon first listen, Prinzhorn Dance School's debut may come off as another one of indie-rock's self-contented forays into The Fall and Wire, if not more frustratingly simple. But, Tobin Prinz and Suzi Horn's interest in minimalism and negative sonic space truly sets this Brighton-based duo apart from their influence flaunting peers, forming a wholly new style. Created in seclusion, their self-titled debut works within the post-punk idiom but removes all the added bells and whistles of contemporary music and streamlines the medium into enchantingly simple one or two note bass lines, march inducing politically tinged lyrics, repetitive guitar progressions, and mirroring snare and bass drum hits (We usually hear two instruments, voice included, at once). Each song moves mysteriously through slogan-like call and response vocals to a bass-led rhythm with guitar and drum flourishes that vanish as quickly as they appear, leaving the listener aching for a climax to each song. Yet, they seem more interested in how the listener reacts to underwhelming amounts of instrumentation and extended silent breaks and bridges than rocking your ears off. The dark simplicity and elusiveness of each melody entrances the listener while the repetitive lyrics work themselves deep into you. As Tobin Prinz chants, "It's good to have a start stop/Its good to have a stop start/Stops it falling apart" in *Worker* we understand the theory put in practice on this enticingly minimalist release from DFA records.



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Prinzhorn Dance School's Album Cover

This and other new releases can be heard on WHCL Hamilton College Radio, 88.7 FM.

Independent Music Fund Top Albums of 2007

by Winston Cook-Wilson '09, Tom James '11, Tom Lewek '09, Travis Mockler '11, Rory Pavach '10, Chris Rand '09 and Brendan Welsh '10

For the second week in a row, the Independent Music Fund brings your their top 20 albums of 2007. This week, the Spectator features albums 7-13. Next week we will reveal the top six albums!

7. Radiohead – *In Rainbows*

Radiohead's newest album reflects the maturity of a band with seven albums under their collective belt. After more than a decade of constantly pushing boundaries and shifting direction between albums and, to an extent within certain albums, *In Rainbows* presents a more user friendly Radiohead. This album shows a band more confident in its position in music history and one allowed to relax. Lofty strings and melodies are used far more than on any other album. The rhythm sections of drummer Phil Selway and bassist Colin Greenwood are the glue needed to hold together the often sweeping soundscapes of this record. This album relies on the band's new-found desire to stay, for the most part, within the confines of conventional musical composition. All five members are given equal importance and contribute with equal grace and intricacy to the final product. This is no longer the Thom Yorke / Jonny Greenwood show. Far more melodic and constrained than most of the bands previous material, *In Rainbows* shows that growing up may not be such a bad thing after all.

8. Black Moth Super Rainbow - *Dandelion Gum*

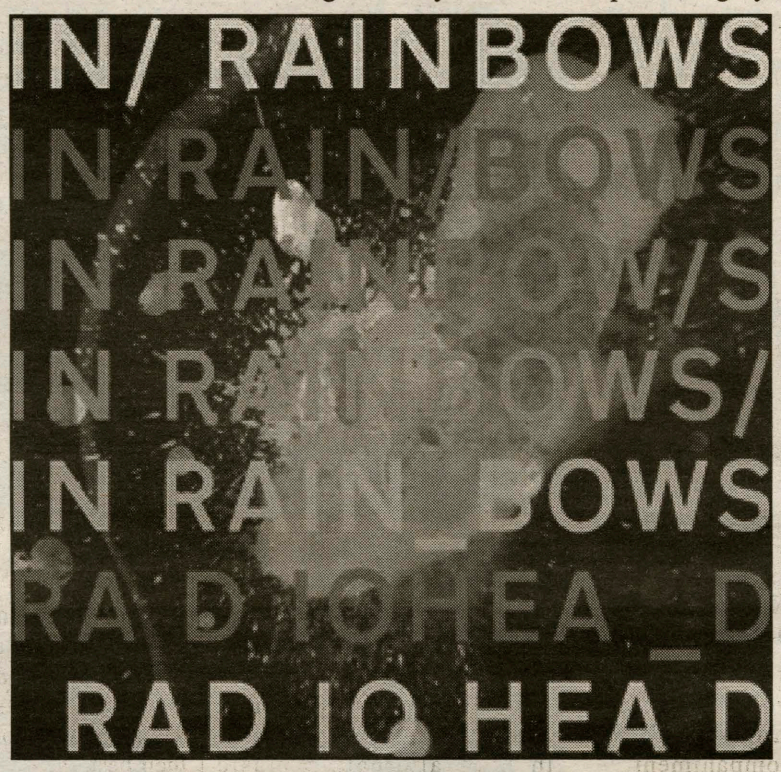
BMSR creates celestial, psychedelic melodies using vocoders, Rhodes keyboards, and synthesizers. *Dandelion Gum* might as well have been made by robots singing Dead Meadow deep in the forest at sunrise.

9. Caribou – *Andorra*

A more cohesive album structure and new focus on singing and lyrics defines Caribou's latest release. Continuing with the electronic pop tropes of past recordings, Dan Snaith's songs move through 60's era psychedelic pop and into the space-rock and shoegaze of the late 80's and early 90's with ease under the unified themes of love and loss. Along with contemporaries Animal Collective, Snaith has moved into a more electronically themed era of avant-pop music, without forgetting the importance of lyrical prowess.

10. Yeasayer- *All-Hour Cymbals*

Imagine if Peter Gabriel, the members of TV on the Radio and David Byrne spent a drunken evening listening to David Bowie's *Lodger*, field recordings of Middle Eastern folk music and the traditional gospel recordings of the Staple Singers, and then went back and recorded a record together. If that were ever to happen, the music that would result might sound something like Baltimore-born Yeasayer's energetic and unclassifiable debut on We Are Free records. "2080" is one of the best songs of the year.



***In Rainbows* makes it to #7 on IMF's list.** WWW.WIKIPEDIA.ORG

11. Dan Deacon – *Spiderman of the Rings*

Deacon's latest studio effort is a great dance party album, and blurs the line between weird, inaccessible electro-babble and well-organized pure pop bliss, creating a middle ground that does not disappoint. This album relies on conventional instruments, like drums and keyboards, as well as on electronic sounds and beats and distortions. The majority of the songs start with a single repeating sound or beat upon which Deacon builds and builds using his arsenal of distorted voices and found sounds, until you don't know when one begins and another ends, but you don't care either. Other songs are simpler, but find the listener no less fascinated by the originality of the sounds used and how well they fit together and, at the same time, play off one another. This album wraps you up in its highly organized and layered complexity and leaves your legs weak and your lungs heaving.

12. The National- *Boxer*

After initially hearing the National, one might think of the Walkmen: simple, baritoney rock songs with declamatory lyrics chock full of curious metaphors and emotive mantras ("I won't f*ck us over," "We're half-awake in our fake empire," "My mind's not right"). One might even think Springsteen for a minute, because the sound is so all-American. But lead singer Matt Berninger's rich vocals are too unaffected, and the wall of guitar sound is too reserved, for anyone to accuse the National of co-opting a Boss-like aesthetic. Guitar solos are replaced with somber horn pads and melancholic violin lines. The songwriting is always flawless, with lyrical turns of phrase that seem instinctual without being trite. *Boxer* is a subtle, infinitely listenable record that will surprise any listener with its originality. (See The National in the Annex on February 16).

13. The Arcade Fire- *Funeral*

On their highly anticipated second full-length album, the Arcade Fire churn out another set of towering pop songs characterized by the skittish, emotive vocal inflections of Byrne and Bowie, the orchestral horn arrangements of Neutral Milk Hotel and the fat, up-tempo beats which have shown up in the recent work of their indie-pop contemporaries (see Broken Social Scene, Menomena and the latest from the Decemberists). Whereas their 2004 album *Funeral* was an emotionally over-stimulating collection of songs about decrepit families and stale marriages, *Neon Bible* tackles subjects like George W. Bush and American consumerism with a disillusioned vengeance reminiscent of *Darkness on the Edge of Town*-era Bruce or Ted Leo circa *Tyranny of Distance*. For a generation who grew up with the release of *Funeral*, *Neon Bible* is a welcome, but not-too-jarring update of the Arcade Fire's timeless and distinctive sound.

West Side Story at Hamilton

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

This past weekend, Hamilton's choir performed its version of Leonard Bernstein's classic musical West Side Story. The show itself is a Broadway standard, what with star-crossed lovers, dramatic fights, racial conflicts, and (of course) catchy song-and-dance sequences. In West Side Story, the timeless story of Romeo and Juliet is updated to the 1950s New York streets where Puerto Ricans (the "Sharks" gang) and the white boys (the "Jets" gang) fight for territory and street cred. The choir's production, although enjoyable and frequently quite humorous, made it very clear that the performers are singers and not actors or dancers. The singing was almost flawless (although the pit orchestra left something to be desired) and the dancing was moderately well done and very appropriate for the show (see: the 1961 film version, complete with snaps). The acting, however, was what was lacking in this performance, although this lack did not come anywhere close to sinking the entire production. The key roles of Maria (Julianne Jaquith '11), Tony (Clifford Robbins '10), Anita (Alison McLaughlin '11), Bernardo (Andrew Steele '10), and Riff (David Moroney '09) were supremely casted, and the singers hit every pitch with startling ease. The absolute best song sequence was the performance of the song "Gee, Officer Krupke!" The boys who played the Jets definitely had fun singing, dancing, and messing around during this song, and the audience enjoyed itself equally if not more. Overall, the production was fun where it was supposed to be, and dramatic and affecting where it should have been. You know that next year's choir production will have you saying, "something's coming, something good!"

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The Black Pirate and *The Flicker*

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Features Editor

Next week, the F.I.L.M. program at Hamilton will welcome two films and guest speaker/performers that are simply too good to miss. The first event, on Sunday February 17 at 2 p.m. in KJ Auditorium, will be a screening of *The Black Pirate* (1926) with live accompaniment from the Alloy Orchestra, which Roger Ebert has called "the best group in the world at accompanying silent film." The Alloy Orchestra hails from Cambridge, Mass and features three main performers, Terry Donahue (junk, accordian, musical saw, vocals), Ken Winokur (director, junk percussion and clarinet), and Roger Miller (keyboards). Using this "rack of junk" and electonic synthesizers, the Alloy Orchestra creates a wide stylistic variety of sounds.

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Alloy Orchestra to visit Hamilton.

The film that the Alloy Orchestra will be providing accompaniment for, *The Black Pirate*, is a classic silent movie starring Douglas Fairbanks, one of the era's most popular leading men. According to Professor Scott Macdonald the film is most comparable to a 1920s version of *Pirates of the Carribean,* The plot involves a captured ship and vengeful nobleman turned pirate, played by Fairbanks, who has the charisma and talent of a Johnny Depp. Even if pirates and action are not your favorite, the film is still worth attending for the musical accompaniment.

"To see the Alloy Orchestra in such a small venue like this is unusual- it is an opportunity that would be a shame to miss," said Macdonald.

The second F.I.L.M. event of note coming up is a screening of *The Flicker*, along with a musical performance from famed director and experimental composer Tony Conrad, who has been an essential figure in experimental filmmaking and music for years. Conrad's film examines the essential cinematic element of light, and its effect on an audience. Macdonald describes the film as a "rollercoaster ride." He will also be playing the violin and performing *Green,* a piece that he composed himself. The piece, though seemingly more towards the classical end at first, uses pitch and interval in such a way that it ends up sounding more like space-filling rock music.

"Tony Conrad is a historically important person in both alternative music and film," said Macdonald, "He was part of the 'Theater of Eternal Music' movement and is credited with naming The Velvet Underground."

Conrad will be on campus this coming Wednesday February 20 at 7:30 p.m. He will be performing in KJ Auditorium.

Deathcage Returns!

by Kevin O'Connor '09 and Jacob Murray '09
Arts and Entertainment Editors

The results are in, thanks to your voting! The Spectator recieved just over 175 votes this week for the Mega Mega Deathcage Battle Royale, allowing us to bring you another week of our beloved tournament. Here are the results of the Chuck Norris Bracket:

(1) Moses def. (32) Mike Tyson
This Jew delivered some serious Commandments, but only after narrowly dodging the ear-munching low-life.

(31) Al Ham Pig def. (2) Gary Busey
Apparently even bat-s**t crazy has its limits.

(3) Sean Connery def. (30) Paula Abdul
As he said in the Rock, "Losers whine about doing their best, winners go home and [have their way with] the prom queen." And this American Idol judge knows a thing or two about losers doing their best.

(4) Aragorn def. (29) Martha Stewart
It's back to the pound for the homemaker from hell.

(5) Reptar def. (28) Free Willy
Reptar puts Free Willy back on the Endangered Species List.

(27) The Hamburglar def. (6) Eli Manning
Don't let the new Super Bowl bling fool you, Eli can't throw a ball or a manly punch. Where is Peyton when you need him?

(7) Genghis Khan pwned (26) Barack Obama
Change we can no longer believe in.

(24) Atticus Finch def. (9) Johnny McEnroe
Atticus Finch is generally a nice guy but when Johnny Mac slams a racket over Finch's head, Atticus brings the Heat of the Night (damn…mixing my Southern civil rights movies).

(23) Janitor from Scrubs def. (10) Tanya Harding
In this clash of unfulfilled professional ambitions, it appears negligent janitors hold an edge when it comes to causing violent falls.

(11) Captain Hook def. (22) Olmec
Captain Hook reminds us why Olmec is in ruins.

(12) ManBearPig def. (21) Mr. Clean
Imagination Land isn't big enough for the both of them.

(13) Arnold Schwarzenegger def. (20) Ursula
Pumping iron…into the ocean… to kill bitchy squids.

(19) David Ortiz def. (14) Dr. Kenneth Noisewater and James Westphal
Papi Ortiz is used to smashing balls out of the park and Brian Fantana's are apparently no exception.

(15) Bill Clinton def. (18) Star Jones Reynolds
One of the Clinton's still knows how to win at all costs.

(17) Jay and Silent Bob def. (16) Michael Richards
After centuries of statehood, Jersey finally beats New York in something.

FEATURED MATCH
(8) Scrooge McDuck def. (25) Cruella DeVil

We had no idea what to expect from this one but it turned out to be a real firecracker (just like your mom, hey-o). In the past, DeVil has demonstrated a real willingness to think outside of the box when it comes to animated animal slaughter and this was no exception. Right off the bat, she grabs on to his ducktail and then calls in her henchmen (technically illegal, since she did not register as a tag-team). But then, out of nowhere, arrive racecars, lasers and aeroplanes…it's a duck blur! DeVil was wining at first, but with this onslaught, it's all a mystery until McDuck emerges to rewrite history! DuckTales! Woo-hoo!

Thanks to everyone for voting! Make sure you pay attention to your e-mail because the Spectator will be sending out the link to vote for the next bracket! If you're just dying to know how the tournament is set up, or want to fill out your own bracket, e-mail jdmurray. Next week: Peyton Manning Bracket.

Hamilton Horoscopes

By Jackie Schuck '10
Staff Seer

Capricorn – You are having THE BEST WEEK EVER (Please Note: This is the sign of the horoscope writer. Perhaps you can tell her yours privately. *wink*).

Aquarius – I hope you are enjoying the tons of rain/snow/disgusting slush because there is more where that came from. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Love, Central New York.

Pisces – You're going to be on fire this week! Literally. Maybe you should avoid lighting up in the Glen.

Aries – Seems like a romantic interest is heading your way. I suggest hitting the gym before you hit that.

Taurus – It's time to express how you really feel. Girls, tell him to start acting like a real man. Guys, tell her you are just in it for the sex.

Gemini – You are going to be the talk of campus this week. Better give us all something good to talk about – when your inside voice tells you not to have another drink, don't listen. It will be hysterical.

Cancer – This will be a very emotional week for you. Avoid your favorite My Chemical Romance songs… and razors.

Leo – This is going to be a busy week for you. But, it doesn't have to be all work and no play. Perhaps you can finally show your Organic Chemistry lab partner your graduated cylinder and Bunsen burn-her.

Virgo – Everyone is going to get on your case this week. It will not be funny. However, this youtube video is - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuTf7rPIuY8.

Libra – Play the coy card when going out this weekend. Your venereal disease will be less obvious that way.

Scorpio – You need to take a chill pill. FebFest was a difficult time for all of us.

Sagittarius – You may be ready to step down off your pedestal, but the rest of us still don't like you. Do us a favor and stay up there while we go on ignoring you.

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Latest Shuttle Mission Has Plenty of Twists and Turns

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

Astronauts on the International Space Station, which docked with the space shuttle Atlantis on Sunday, slowly brought Europe's new space laboratory to life on Tuesday as crewmate Hans Schlegel, forced by illness to miss the spacewalk to install it, said he was feeling fine.

The lab, known as Columbus, was hooked up with computers, power and a heating system ahead of activation of experiments in Europe's first permanent space research facility. "This is a great moment," French astronaut Leopold Eyharts radioed to ground controllers in Houston and Munich before entering the module for the first time.

"We are very proud," added Schlegel of Germany. "It starts a new era. The European scientific module Columbus and the ISS are connected for many, many years of research in space in cooperation, internationally." Asked if Columbus had "that new car smell," Schlegel said it "definitely has it.""It's just a huge volume that we have now. We couldn't be happier. But of course, you don't forget, we still have a lot of activation to go."

The 23-foot-long laboratory, equipped for medical, pharmaceutical and physics experiments, is Europe's largest contribution of a five billion dollar investment in the space station program.

After years of delay, due first to the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia and then a hailstorm that damaged the heat-resistant foam on Atlantis's body and wings, the laboratory was launched on Thursday from Florida aboard Atlantis and was attached to the station on Monday during an eight-hour spacewalk.

Schlegel, 56, was to join Rex Walheim on the spacewalk but had to be replaced by Stan Love due to an illness that has not been disclosed. He said in a media interview on Tuesday he was doing well and looking forward to taking part in the second spacewalk of Atlantis' mission on Wednesday, and has since completed the second walk without incident.

"I feel really great right now. Of course I'm a little bit anxious because tomorrow is really my first (spacewalk). That's all I want to say because medical issues are private," Schlegel said, hewing to the non-disclosure line taken by NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA). This was the first time a U.S. spacewalk had been delayed by a medical issue since the fifth shuttle mission in 1982.

On Wednesday, he and

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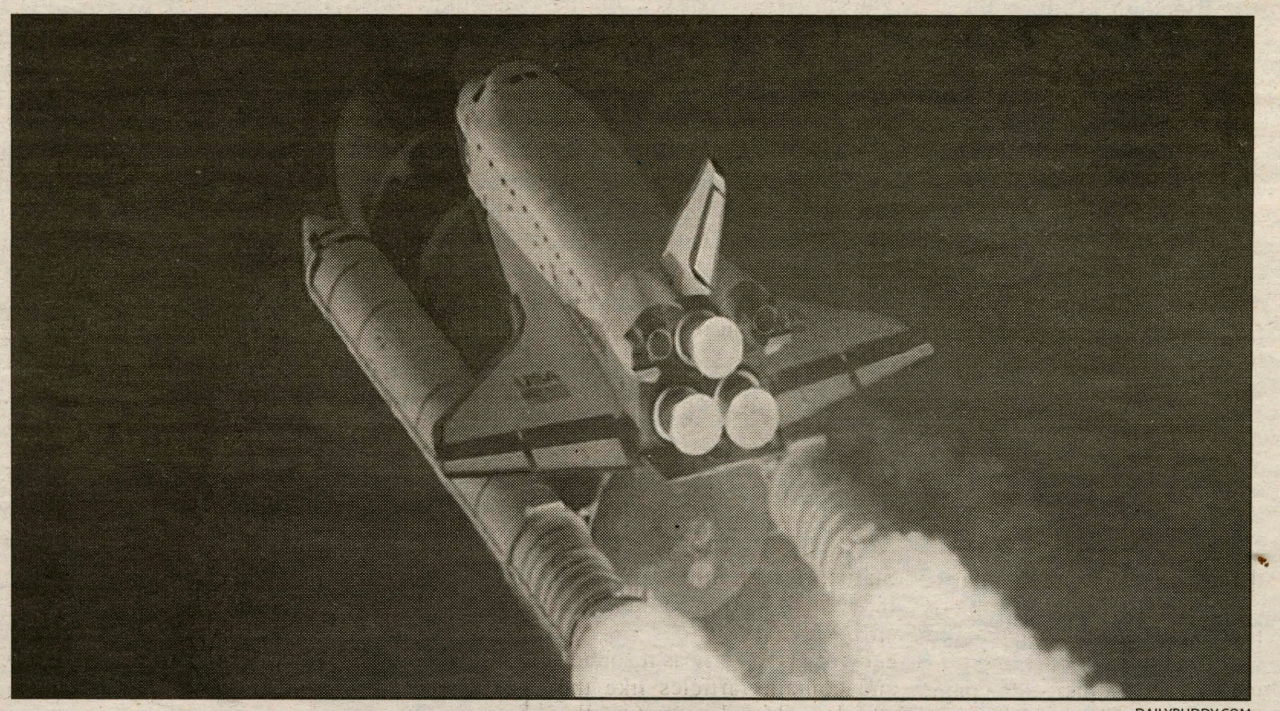

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The space shuttle *Atlantis* delivered the research module Columbus to the International Space Station.

Musical Dinosaur Found in Mexico

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science and Technology Editor

A massive duckbilled, beach-dwelling, plant-eating dinosaur in Mexico might have produced music, according to an international research team that analyzed its fossils and identified it as a new species of dinosaur, one of the first species of "terrible lizard" to be unearthed in Mexico. Velafrons coahuilensis, as the dinosaur is called, belongs to a group of duck-billed dinosaurs called lambeosaurs, which are characterized by having bony crests associated with the nasal cavity," said Scott Sampson, a paleontologist from the Utah Museum of Natural History, who was instrumental in uncovering the revolutionary find.

Coahuilensis refers to Coahuila, Mexico, where the dino was excavated in an approximately 72-million-year-old rock unit known as the Cerro del Pueblo Formation. Velafrons means "sailed forehead," and refers to the sail-like crest that grew on top of the dinosaur's head. Sampson explained that these crests take different forms, ranging from "tall and crown-like" to "long and tube-like," in other duck-billed species.

Unlike most species of duck-billed dinos, this dinosaur's crest actually transformed its head, so that its nose bone rested atop its skull. The snout then extended backward up the face to fill the gap left by the relocated nose bone. When breathing, the dinosaur would take in air that flowed through a series of passages from the snout into the crest and then through a hole above the eyes. Since air did go through the crest, scientists speculate the system worked like a musical instrument.

"If the crest was suited to being a resonating chamber, it could have made a distinctive sound that may have been used to signal other members of the species," Sampson said, adding that the theory is still speculative at this point.

Based on several bony features on the skull and skeleton, the researchers think the dinosaur was just a 25-foot-long youngster when it died. If it had reached adulthood, the dino would have grown up to 35 feet long.

Velafrons coahuilensisis is only the first dinosaur to be named from the team's project. It appears that a veritable treasure trove of dino fossils exists in Mexico, a place that receives minimal rainfall, and therefore little erosion to expose the ancient bones. "There is also a very large horned dinosaur, a cousin of Triceratops, which will be named later this year," Sampson said. "In addition, we have evidence of large tyrannosaur predators, small raptor-like hunters, and ostrich-like dinosaurs that may have been omnivorous."

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New Club On Campus: Students for International Public Health Awareness

by Frannie Carley '10
Science and Technology Special Contributor

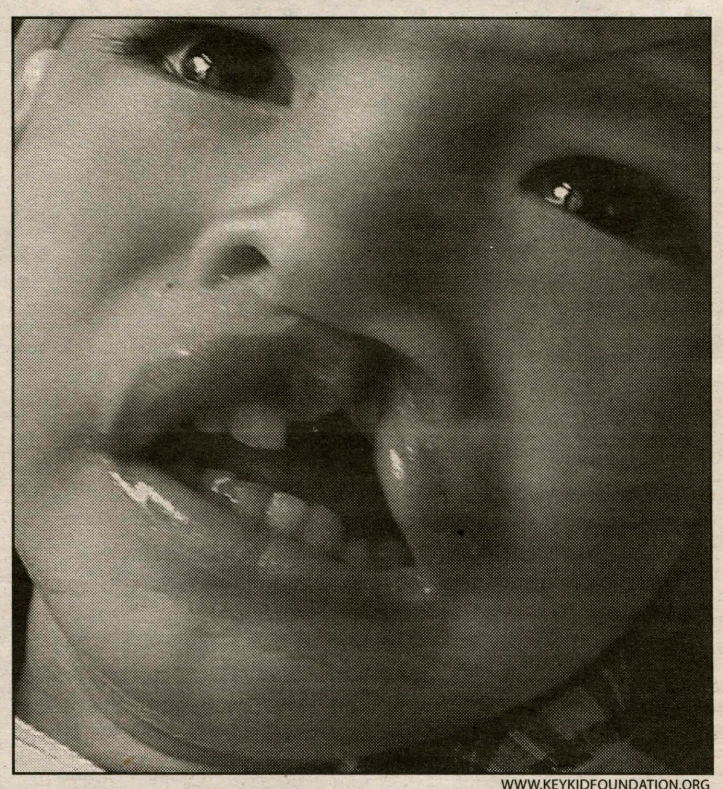
Hamilton students, whether we realize it or not, encounter health issues on a daily basis. Whether it's a Student Assembly debate on the inadequacy of the Health Center's weekend hours, a late night encounter with the college EMT's, or a self-remedy of Airborne and Emergen-C against the frequent cold, college students clearly have an interest in health.

But are students interested in public health? Are they interested in the international public health issues that plague so many members of the global community? Hamilton's new student-run organization, Students for International Public Health Awareness (SFIPHA), is saying yes, we do care. Through cooperation with several existing public health organizations, such as Partners in Health (PIH), Operation Smile, and Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity (Noah), SFIPHA is seeking to increase awareness and encourage action on Hamilton's campus.

Founders Dylan Palmer, Maxwell Akuamoah-Boateng, and Amy Klockowski, Elizabeth Faroh, and Frannie Carley have received a great deal of support in their first few weeks of forming the organization and meeting turnout has been high. Students from all concentrations and backgrounds have attended the first two meetings, where the organization objectives and members' previous public health experience were discussed. Initial organization goals are to boost student awareness of public health issues through Late Night events, a regular student publication, and public health speakers.

Additional goals include raising money for public health organizations and problem areas, and leading local and international public health outreach trips for Hamilton students. Through the organization, members hope to rally Hamilton around health issues outside of "the bubble," and to elicit support and action from the college community. Meetings are generally held Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the Science Center.

Look for e-mails alerting the campus of SFIPHA meetings and events and send any questions or comments to Dylan Palmer (dpalmer@hamilton.edu) or (sfipha@hamilton.edu).



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Some of SFIPHA's work will involve helping Project Smile, an international organization that assists children with cleft palates and other major facial defects.

What's on the Web This Week: EcoGeek.org

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Rating:
(out of 5 beakers)

It's nice to hear the word geek be applied to more than the stereotypical image of Screech from "Saved by the Bell." The folks at EcoGeek.org understand that being a "geek" is more about intelligence in unconventional areas than glasses and pocket protectors.

The people behind EcoGeek.org aim to use technology to help the environment. Every day they present up to ten articles, pictures, and videos about innovations that are working to save our planet. Recent topics covered on their homepage include the Chevy Volt commercial with the dog licking his owner's feet as a way to help the environment, a Honda Civic that was rebuilt to get 95 miles per gallon, magnetized target fusion as an alternative energy, and the Green Plug universal charger, which promises to charge almost any electronic gadget without wasting energy or time.

However intelligent or beneficial this site is, it is not organized in a way that makes it easy to navigate. At the top there are links for the homepage, information about the people who run EcoGeek.org, information on how to write for EcoGeek.org, and the "Tag Cloud." Only by scrolling down the page will you be able to find the categories into which the articles are sorted.

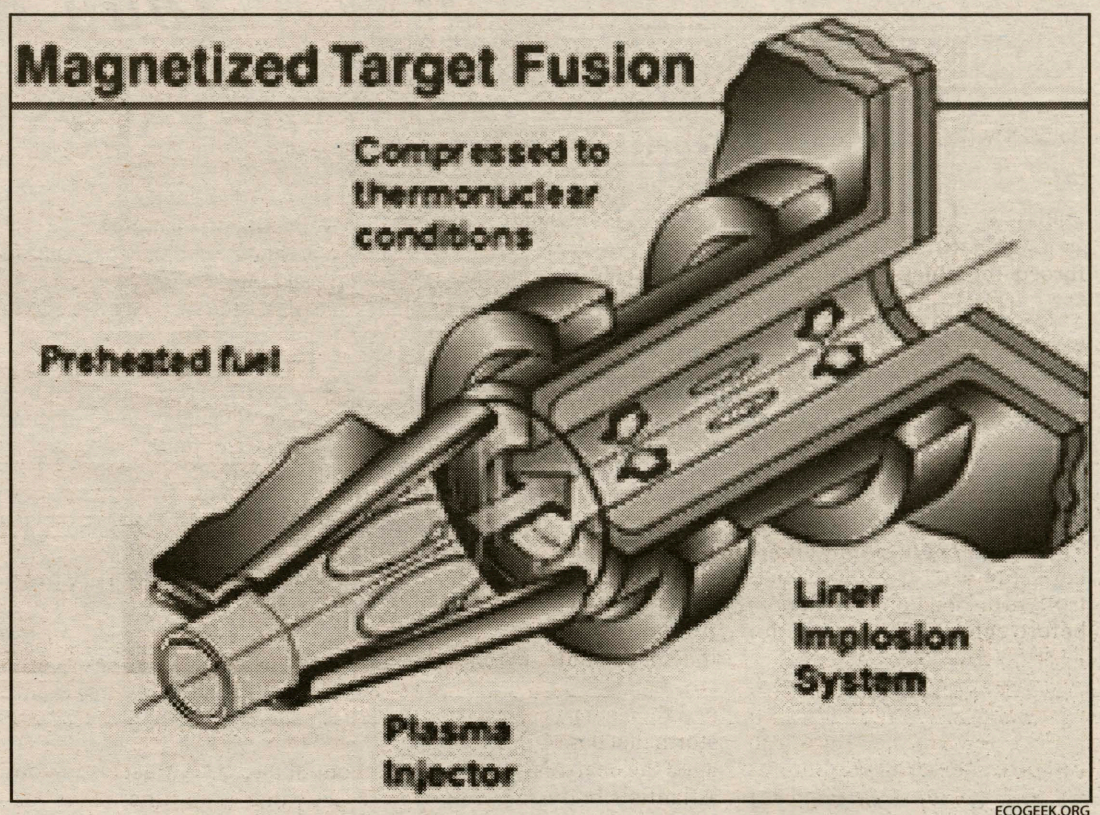
These categories range from "yahoo" to "STATIC!" to "Weird." If you're looking for an article or just trying to browse the site, it might be hard to determine under which category it can be found. Under "yahoo" you'll find nothing, as "This Category is currently empty." The "STATIC!" category covers the three articles about the Static program initiated by the Interactive Institute to increase energy awareness. The "Weird" category is exactly as it sounds and contains articles like the one describing how to turn the box from an iPod Shuffle into a speaker system.

Then there are the traditional categories like "Computing," "Recycling," and "Automobiles." Then there are the more brainy categories like "Biofuels," "Geothermal," and "Tidal." Under these links you'll find articles on anything from the Green Plus universal charger to innovations concerning wave power.

Another interesting form of almost organization can be found by clicking on the "Tag Cloud" link on the homepage. This will take you to a page with a whole bunch of words on it. The larger the word, the more related articles there are. By looking at the "Tag Cloud," you can easily tell there are a lot more articles related to efficiency then there are related to gocarts.

Also on the homepage, there is a list of other environmental science related blogs including Inhabitat and EcoModo, and a list of green organizations including The Scientific Alliance and The Nature Conservancy.

Despite the site being difficult to navigate, it contains interesting and relevant articles on a large range of topics. Plus, it's cool to see a site with advertisements for both Boca Burgers and beef jerkey.



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This rather intricate image accompanies the article about magnetized target fusion as a means of alternative energy, just one of many subjects covered at Ecogeek.org.

Atlantis Illness

*from **Latest Shuttle**, page 14*

heim replaced a spent nitrogen tank used to pressurize the station's coolant system. Walheim and Love are scheduled to make the third and final spacewalk of the mission on Friday. Atlantis is currently scheduled to return to Earth on February 19.

NASA had been looking at a loose insulation blanket on one of Atlantis' steering engines to see if needed repair before landing but told the astronauts on Tuesday not to worry.

"Good news," flight communicator Kevin Ford at Mission Control told shuttle commander Stephen Frick. "The analysis clearly shows there's no safety of flight issue. So the area has officially been cleared for entry." "It's a relief to know we don't have to go back there and mess with it," said Frick.

Alan Thirkettle, space shuttle program manager with the ESA, told reporters today that NASA and the European Space Agency were in agreement about the original decision to replace Schlegel with Love for the first spacewalk and the decision to let the German astronaut proceed with the second."As far as I know, everybody's looking forward to Hans doing this," he said. "There's not an ESA-NASA conflict over this, there never has been and I very much doubt there ever will be. Hans is looking forward to this. ... I think we're all in synch on this."

NASA is almost sixty percent finished building the $100 billion outpost. During the next shuttle flight, scheduled for launch March 11, astronauts are to begin installing what will be the station's largest laboratory, the Japanese-built Kibo (Hope) complex. These two will join an American lab, Destiny. A Russian lab, called the Multipurpose Laboratory Module, and a second NASA-operated lab, the ExPRESS Module, are scheduled to be attached in 2009. NASA has just two years to compete the eleven remaining station construction and resupply flights before the shuttle fleet is retired in 2010.

The space station is in a low Earth orbit and can be seen from Earth with the naked eye: it has an altitude of 189-248 statute miles above the surface of the Earth, and travels at an average speed of 17,210 statute miles per hour, completing 15.77 orbits per day. The ISS is a joint project among the space agencies of the United States (NASA), Russia (RKA), Japan (JAXA), Canada (CSA) and the ESA.

The ISS is a continuation of what began as the U.S. Space Station Freedom, the funding for which was cut back severely. It represents a merger of Freedom with several other previously planned space stations, including Russia's Mir 2. The ISS is already the largest space station in history.

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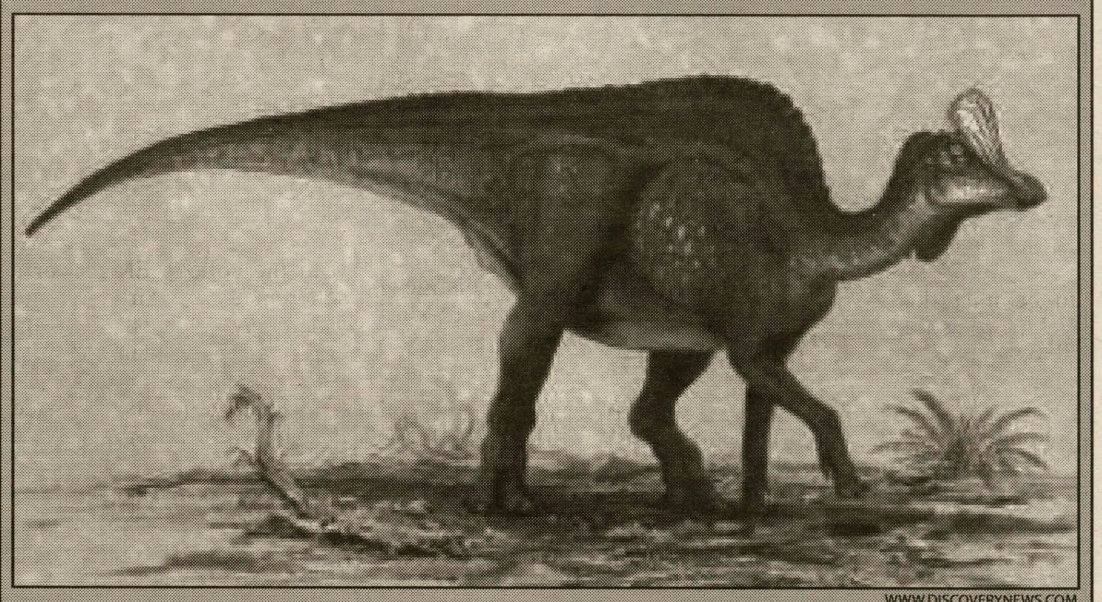
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***Velafrons coahuilenis*, a large, duck-billed, crested dinosaur recently unearthed in Mexico, may have made trumpet-like noises with its crest in order to attract mates.**

*from **Musical**, page 14*

The dinosaurs add to yet another unusual find, a possible venomous dinosaur, recently excavated by Francisco Aranda-Manteca of the University of Baja California. Aranda-Manteca found a dino's grooved tooth, whose features "could be found in most theropods," he said.

These and possibly more creatures all lived on a long, narrow, peninsula-like western landmass known as Laramidia, or "West America." The landmass was the western side of the current continent, which was split into two during the late Cretaceous period by a shallow sea extending from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, extending through the United States on a similar path to the Mississippi River.

Some of the excavated Mexican dinosaur bones actually had shellfish, such as oysters, attached to them. This reveals that most of the prehistoric animals resided in a coastal habitat.

Bone beds of jumbled duckbills and horned dinosaurs indicate mass death events, possibly associated with powerful storms that still affect coastal regions around the tips of South America and Africa. Since Velafrons coahuilensis lived just before dinosaurs became extinct, it's possible that climate change and resulting weather contributed to the dino wipe-out. Paleontologists hope to research that possibility further.

"We can think of the unfolding drama in the late Cretaceous as a long-lasting, highly successful play like Cats or The Phantom of the Opera," Sampson said. "Although the drama lasted a long time and played in a lot of different places, the actual players differed from place to place and changed regularly through time." If so, Velafrons is the most recently discovered player in this ancient drama, and the play was apparently a musical.

Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: Winter Wonderland

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

- *Snowflakes start as ice crystals that are the size of a speck of dust. When the crystals fall they join up with other crystals to form a snowflake. The size of the snowflake depends on how many crystals hook together.*
- *Snow appears white because the crystals act as prisms, breaking up the light of the sun into the entire spectrum of color. The human eye is unable to handle that kind of sensory overload. Therefore, we see the snow as white.*
- *Most snowflakes are less than one-half inch across. The largest snowflake recorded was fifteen inches in diameter.*
- *There is enough water vapor in the air to cover the earth with three feet of water.*
- *Snow at the North and South Pole reflects heat into space because the ice acts like a mirror with the heat of the sun, and the heat bounces off the ice and into space.*
- *The commonly used ten-to-one ratio of snowfall to water content is a myth for much of the United States. This ratio varies from as low as 100-to-one to as high as about three-to-one depending on the meteorological conditions associated with the snowfall.*
- *A single snowstorm can drop 40 million tons of snow, carrying energy equivalent to 120 atom bombs.*
- *Permanent snow and ice cover about twelve percent (21 million square km's) of the Earth's land surface. 80 percent of the world's fresh water is locked up as ice or snow.*
- *In the western United States, mountain snow contributes up to 75 percent of all year-round surface water supplies.*
- *17 cars are needed to equal the weight of 1 loaded snowplow (50,000 pounds)*
- *Practically every location in the United States has seen snowfall. Even most portions of southern Florida have seen a few snow flurries.*

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEB. 16:
Workshop: Proper Pruning Practices and Hazard Tree Identification
10:00 a.m., SCCT G027

TUESDAY, FEB. 19:
Students for International Public Health Awareness (SFIPHA) Meeting
8:00 p.m. SCCT
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20:
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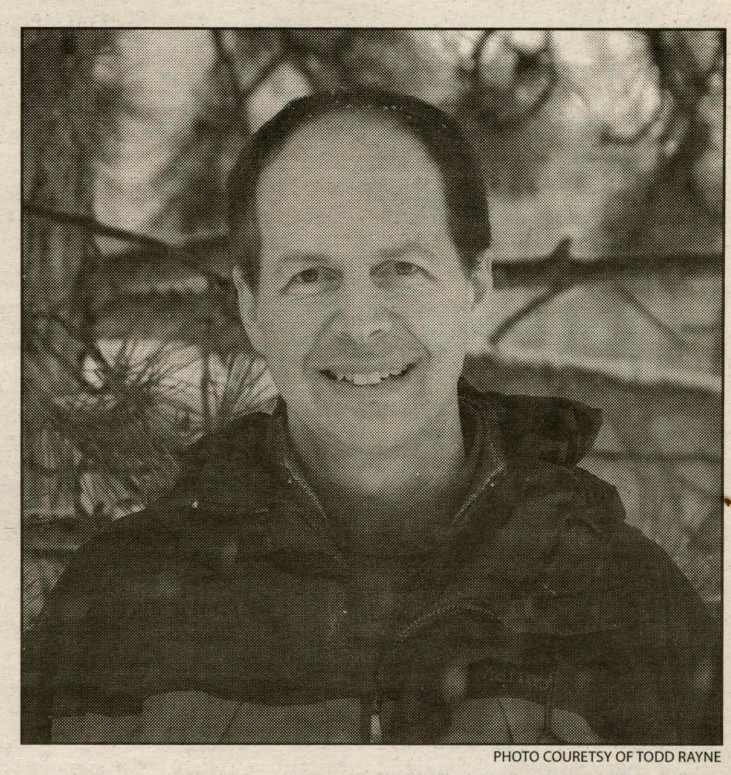
PROFESSOR PROFILE

Todd Rayne, Geoscience

THE FACTS:

Name: Todd Rayne
Department: Geoscience
Graduate School: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Experience: Worked in the petroleum and environmental consulting fields
Research: Hydrogeology, environmental geology, and modeling ground water flow



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INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Todd Rayne: Affable, curious, fit.

EL: What areas of geosciences most interest you and why?

TR: I am most interested in water, particularly ground water: its occurrence, movement, chemical makeup, and exploitation and use by humans.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach geosciences for a living?

TR: I was really into rocks and fossils as a kid, and after trying to be a computer science major in college and not liking it, I gravitated to the geology department and rediscovered my love for the subject. I was greatly influenced by several undergraduate professors, who showed me how rewarding teaching could be. After college, I worked in the petroleum and environmental consulting industries, but teaching at the college level was always in the back of my mind.

EL: Why Hamilton?

TR: Graduate school at a big research institution cured my desire to work at that type of college. I purposely applied only to undergraduate institutions where teaching was emphasized. Among the colleges to which I applied for a job, Hamilton was by far the most attractive in terms of colleagues, quality of students, and resources.

EL: What is your funniest/most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

TR: I was always a skinny kid, and in ninth grade I made the mistake of going out for the football team. I was terrible - I still cringe when I remember being used as tackling fodder for the 200-pound linebackers at my high school and playing on the 5th string that saw almost no playing time. The cheerleaders would laugh as we ran onto the field…

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

TR: I walk or ride my bike to work when my schedule allows, so students might notice me on the sidewalk, hurrying to get to my class before they do in the morning!

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book, and your favorite home-cooked meal?

TR: If forced to choose one band: The Beatles for how they revolutionized pop music at a time when it was pretty silly stuff. I regularly listen to Dire Straits, The Cars, Clapton, fiddle music, and Beethoven symphonies.
Ice cream: coffee gelato!
Book: no one favorite, but my recently read list include books by Bill McKibben and a book titled Dirt (a natural and cultural history of soil).
Home-cooked meal: again, no one favorite, but I'm very fond of homemade Neapolitan-style pizza.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

TR: My classroom teaching style is a blend of Socratic-style leading questions that I use to prompt discussions, straight lecture, and small group problem-solving activities. Students in my courses can expect plenty of outdoor field activities regardless of the weather, real-world examples of geological processes and issues, and challenging exams. In addition, if they are absent, they can expect a call on their cell phone from me!

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

TR: Probably not the craziest thing, but this is one I can share: my undergraduate college was located close to Yellowstone National Park. One favorite winter activity was called "hot-potting", which means driving with a group of friends into the park to some hot springs that discharge into a river. We'd hike down to the river, take off our clothes, and soak in the warm water. You adjust the temperature by moving toward or away from the discharging hot spring water. It was quite popular – some nights there would be 50 people in the water. On those nights when it was snowing but moonlit, it was surreal - snowy heads bobbing in the water with steam rising all around…

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

TR: You can expect to see me in the woods, the glens, the fitness center, and on the road (on my bike).

EL: What are your current research interests, and how are students working with you on them?

TR: My current research is focused on how urbanization and land use changes affect groundwater resources and surface water features. Recent students have worked with me on modeling the spatial variability of recharge (precipitation that soaks into the ground to replenish ground water) and how it can change with different development densities and land use practices.

EL: What is your fondest memory from your time at Hamilton?

TR: Among my fondest memories are interacting with students who share some of my outside interests, particularly cycling and Nordic skiing. It's very rewarding to get to know students outside the classroom while doing strenuous activities – the relationship is very different from the typical professor-student or adult-teenager model.

EL: What are some of your interests outside of Hamilton?

TR: Exploring our area on bicycle and foot, Nordic (cross-country) skiing, most other general fitness activities, soccer (mostly watching these days!), baking bread.

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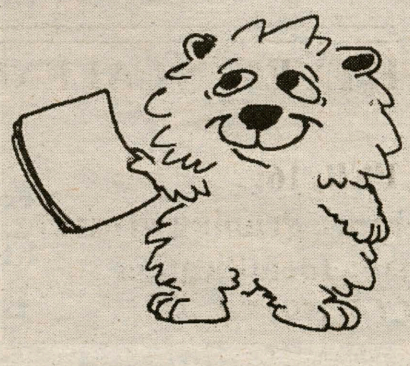

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Sports Opinion: Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Welcome to Harleewood: Come Experience the Thrills

by Tom Monfiletto '08
Sports Contributor

Forgive me, but I watch American Idol. As the lucky contestants travel to Hollywood this week to pursue their dreams of becoming an American icon, students at sunny Hamilton College have been enjoying a little place called Harleewood. Harlee Wood '09, captain of the 2008 Hamilton Men's Basketball Team, has been on a tear lately, averaging 15.2 points over his past five games. Opponents cannot stop him; they can't even hope to contain him. Instead, they just decide to foul him. But fouling him doesn't even work because he gets more "and ones" than Hot Sauce. A three point play comes as easy to Harlee as washing his hands- they occur every time he goes to the bucket.

The method known as "Hack-a-Harlee" hasn't been proven successful, leading opposing coaches around the league to find new methods to try to tame this beast. There has been talk that Harlee could be targeted the way in which Nancy Kerrigan was targeted when she dominated the figure-skating world in 1994. However, even if Shane Stant were to hop out of the crowd and strike Hardcore Harlee with a medal rod, Wood would somehow find a way to dunk in his face.

This past Saturday, Wood dropped nineteen points and grabbed twelve rebounds, leading the Conts to a 72-64 victory over Vassar College: 80 percent females, 20 percent males, 100 percent tolerant. The Continentals were seeking vengeance as the pain of their loss to Vassar earlier in the year still stung them mightily. As the game went on, Hamilton refused to give up their lead with clutch plays from all contributors.

With four minutes left in the game and Hamilton holding on to a 58-57 lead, Harlee showed his brilliance. After missing a jump shot in the key, he got his own rebound and put up another shot with the entire Vassar defense clawing at his body. He missed again, and again he grabbed his own rebound. He finally scored and shook his head as if to say, "Good gracious, I cannot be stopped."

Harlee Wood cannot dunk like Stacey King or shoot like Michael Redd (yet) but his all-around game has dominated the Liberty League for three years. When teammate Rob Toste '08 was asked why he kept giving up the opportunity to shoot, he stated, "The way Harlee is playing now, there is no reason not to give him the ball."

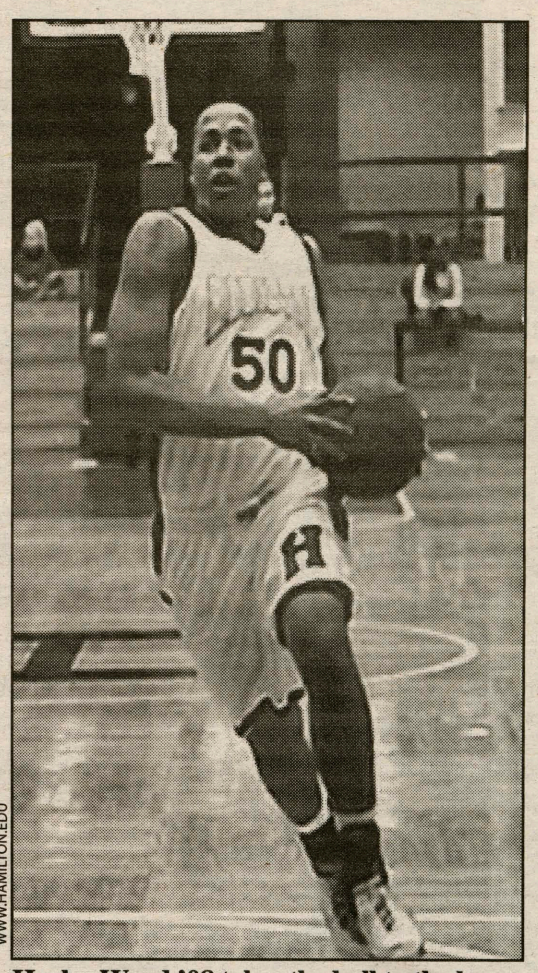
No one fights like Harlee. No one can take a charge like Harlee. And no one can quiet the entire crowd by making them think he has just experienced a life-threatening injury, like Harlee. Perhaps it is for this reason that there is not a player in this league that wants to guard him. His tattoos and his NFL body leave opponents begging their coaches to run a zone. When they do that, he'll just hang out behind the arc and rain three pointers like Sandy Lyle.

As the end of the regular season approaches, the Continentals look to regain their position atop the Liberty League. If Harlee can keep up his dominance with the help of all of his teammates, the Continentals will strike fear in every opponent as they clear a path to the tournament. If the Conts finish in first place in the Liberty League, they will once again host the Liberty League tournament.

If this happens, attendance is mandatory. Unfortunately, few Hamilton College students were aware of the epic proportions of the Vassar game, as half of them stayed in their room to watch One Tree Hill, or to read, or to knit, or to smoke cigarettes, or to do whatever they felt was more important than supporting their school.

God created Saturdays so that we can enjoy college sports in the fall and winter and major league baseball during the summer. He did not create this glorious day to do school work.

There is nothing better than watching the Hamilton men's basketball team on a Saturday while enjoying a few treats from the kind, handsome young men that sell concessions for the baseball team. Do yourself a favor, and experience all the thrills of Harleewood.



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Harlee Wood '08 takes the ball to the hoop.

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Women's Hockey:
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Men's Hockey:
4-15-1

Women's Squash:
12-6

Men's Squash:
8-10

Who's Hot in Hamilton Athletics?

- Jess Barrows '08 -

Barrows lit it up from behind the three point line last weekend. She made five threes during the two games against Rensselaer and Vassar to give her forty-three for the season. Her three point accuracy lifted her into first place in Hamilton's all-time record book with 177 career made threes.

- Peter Kosgei '10 -

Kosgei continued his impressive run as one of the top track athletes in school history with his second place finish in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational against Division I opponents.

- Ashley DeMaio-Zacharek '08 -

DeMaio-Zacharek turned in a great performance on Senior Day to capture a first place win in the 100 freestyle with her best time of the year.

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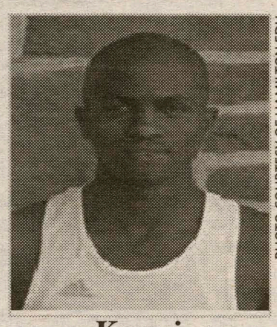
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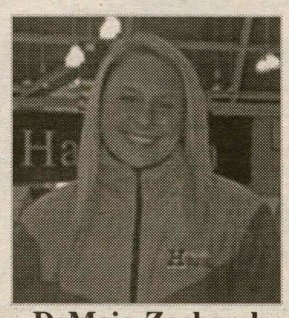
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Nordic Ski Team Enjoys Success

by Hathaway Burden '10
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Few Hamilton students welcome the snow-filled winters of upstate New York like Hamilton's Nordic Ski Team. The first sight of snow fall indicates to the 20 members of the Nordic Team that the competitive season has arrived.

The racing season brings with it hours upon hours of grueling practice in the Glen, on the golf course, at the Trenton Club, BREIA and Valleyview. These practices, held three times a week, prep the team for their participation in the Mideast Conference, a division of the United Ski and Snowboard Association.

According to the United Ski and Snowboard Association website, it is a national organization composed of over 178 colleges, including around 4,700 athletes. The Mideast Conference has 23 member schools, counting Hamilton.

Membership is fairly diverse including other small liberal arts colleges such as Colgate, Skidmore and Union as well as the larger SUNY schools and even the U.S. Military Academy. Many of these schools run much larger programs than Hamilton, but that hasn't stopped the Continentals from skiing their fastest.

Despite the lack of a coach, the team continues to perform well. On February 2, the team headed to Mount Van Hovenburg in Lake Placid, NY where a number of students had their first race in the United Ski and Snowboard Association. Cassidy Jay '11 finished an impressive eighth in the Women's 10K Freestyle race in a time of 37.59 minutes.

Leila Malcom '10 finished in ninth place with a time of 38.06 minutes. Rachel D'Angio '10 and Katy Lafen '10 also finished strong in fifteenth and nineteenth place respectively.

The following day, Jenny Pistrang '10 completed the Women's Classical 10K in 56.07 minutes leading to a sixteenth place finish. Charlie Palanza '10 and Eric Petschek '08 competed in the Men's 10K Classical race.

This past Sunday, Captain Jen McGowan '08 raced at Prospect Mountain in a Women's 10K Skate race. She finished in sixth place with an impressive time of 41.53 minutes.

The team members have a variety of experience levels, many with an impressive record. This has provided a great opportunity for the underclassmen to learn from the veterans. Jay went to the Junior Olympics multiple times in high school. Emily Stinson '09 has "performed well in the league" and continues to hone the skills that made her "the star on her high school team" according to McGowan.

Many of the other team members hadn't raced before coming to Hamilton and most of their experience was in touring, or cross-country skiing for pleasure. Despite many ski levels, McGowan is confident that "each member has the potential to develop into stronger skiers."

While Hamilton's Nordic Team is still relatively small, McGowan is proud of the growth in the team, both in numbers and skills. While she is thrilled with the team's success thus far, she explains "it is even more exciting to talk to the athletes about their weekend and have such positive feedback about their experience."

The next time the skies of upstate New York open up, know that at least the Nordic Team can celebrate the fall of fresh powder.

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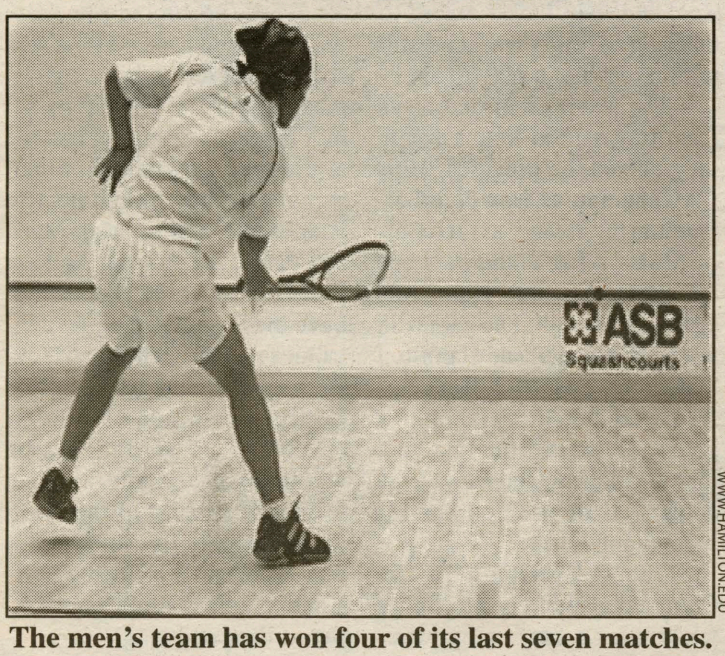
Squash Teams Enter Tournament Play on a Roll

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
SPORTS EDITOR

With the season nearing its conclusion, the Hamilton Men and Women's Squash Teams are hitting their stride. Both teams recently participated in the NESCAC Championships and finished strong. Last year, both teams finished seventh in the tournament. However, this year there was improvement shown by the members of the teams.

Prior to entering the NESCAC Championship, the men's team had lost in five of its previous six tries. Yet, they managed to regroup and put together a strong performance at the tournament to finish in seventh place. The first game gave the team tremendous confidence as they beat Colby College 6-3. John DeWitt '09, Ben Clayman '11, and Mario Magana '10 led the way as they crushed the opponent's top three players.

Hamilton woke up the next morning to take on Bates College in the quarterfinals. The team played hard, but was unable to come out on top. James Hogan '11 forced his way into a fifth game after he came back from two deficits early in the match. Later in the afternoon, the Continentals faced Tufts in the consolation semifinals. Sander Doucette '09 and Hogan both came out victorious in five game matches. Hogan came back during his match, but this time it was in his favor.



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The men's team has won four of its last seven matches.

In the final game of the tournament, the team came out strong and put aside the losses from the day before. Hamilton took on Middlebury College and won eight out of the nine matches. Doucette and Clayman each won in three game sweeps for their second wins of the weekend.

Last week, the team traveled to Colgate for a rivalry game. The Continentals earned a huge victory as all nine players won their matches. Eight of the players swept their matches and it provided a great boost of confidence for the team. This match completed the home-and-home series between the two schools and gave the Continentals its second win over Colgate this season

After the Colgate match, the team went to St. Lawrence for a Liberty League game. Lee, Clayman, and Hogan all continued to play well, as they collected the team's three wins during the match.

The team carried over its recent success into their last home match of the season against Bard College on February 10. Hogan earned his eleventh victory of the year by easily defeating his opponent. The back end exhibition players moved into the starting positions and played extremely well. Hal Lee '11 moved up into the second slot and only allowed one point. Andrew Small '08 played in the third position and did not allow a single point. This victory marked the twelfth victory of the season for Small giving him the most on the team.

The women's team also competed in the NESCAC Championship and ended with a sixth place finish. They came out with a great win against Amherst College. Kelly Whipple '10 demonstrated why she was selected to play in the first position with her dominating victory. She only gave up five points during the entire match. Anne Edelstein '11 and Betsy McDermott '08 also came away victories by limiting their opponents to no more than nine points during their respective matches. The back end of the rotation came through for the team as the number four through nine players all won easily.

Their next match came against Colby College and ended in heart-breaking fashion. Whipple continued to match up well against the other team's top player earning her second victory of the tournament. Edelstein played well again as she outscored her opponent 27-3.

The other winner for Hamilton was Nina Platt '10. McDermott and Danielle Forsyth '11 made great comebacks only to fall short in the final game of their matches, allowing for Colby to take the victory.

The final match of the tournament took place the next day against Middlebury College. Edelstein and Platt each won for the third time during the weekend. They have done a great job in holding down the final positions on the team and have only lost three games total over the whole season.

However, the team did not let the two game slide hurt its confidence. Last Saturday the Continentals were on the road at St. Lawrence for a Liberty League match. Hamilton responded to the challenge and came out on fire. They won the match 9-0 with every player securing a three game-sweep except for one. Krissy Rubin '10 and Leila Clifford '11 dominated their opponents in the second and third team slots. Both collected their first victories of the month to lead the victory.

The Lady Continentals will go to Williams Smith College on Saturday for their final regular season match of the year. They are in good position to do well in Howe Cup and CSA Individual Championships that will take place at the end of the month.

The men's team will enter into the CSA Team Championships this weekend and have the good fortune of facing Middlebury for the second time this month.

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Women's Basketball on Four Game Winning Streak

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The Hamilton Women's Basketball Team has had a busy and highly successful February. Coming off a four-game winning streak, and currently ranked second in the Liberty League with a 7-2 record, the team heads to Clarkson today.

The team suffered their first Liberty League loss on January 25 against Union College. Though their field goal percentage was higher overall, the Lady Continentals' shooting suffered in the second half, dropping from 42.9 percent to 33.3 percent.

Alex Sowinski '10 came off the bench for 13 points and two steals, but her performance was not enough to win the close contest. Two free throws in the final minute put Union up 62-60 and the Continentals couldn't recover.

The Lady Continentals traveled to Saratoga Springs the next day to play against yet another Liberty League opponent. The game against Skidmore was as low scoring as a fourth grade rec-league game, with Hamilton leading 30-16 at the half.

Sydney Fasulo '09 led the team with nine rebounds (and 14 points), while Madelyn McGuinnis '09 and Pumla Sathula '08 were not far behind with eight rebounds each. Sathula also had 16 points and four steals, while Laura Wetmore '09 put up 11.

Hamilton made 17 of their 21 free throws, and until the final two minutes of the second half, never led by less than nine points. Skidmore had only one player in double digits. The Lady Continentals won 58-51.

In their fifth Liberty League contest of the season, Hamilton finally took on powerhouse William Smith College, who came in 14-1 on the season and 5-0 in the league. Despite having three players in double-digits—Sathula with 11, Fasulo with 14 (and 11 rebounds) and Wetmore with 12—the Herons led almost the entire game. It was not the triumphant return home that the Lady Continentals had hoped for, and they suffered their second Liberty League loss, 70-60.

St. Lawrence traveled to Clinton on February 1 with a 4-2 Liberty League record identical to Hamilton's. Sathula led the team with 15 points. McGuinnis crashed the boards, putting up 15 rebounds and adding four assists. Hamilton led 27-24 at the half but was down three with nine seconds on the clock. A clutch three-pointer by Wetmore sent the game into overtime.

The Lady Continentals gained control halfway through the OT period and never relinquished the lead, beating the Saints 64-59.

The next day Clarkson visited the Hill. The Lady Continentals out-rebounded the Golden Knights 44-35 and committed 11 fewer turnovers. McGuinnis had a whopping eight blocks, while Sarah Schrader contributed five steals. Hamilton trounced Clarkson 63-31.

The team remained at home the following weekend for back-to-back games against Rensselaer and Vassar. In the first game, Sathula put up 11 points while Fasulo had 13. The final score was 61-39.

The game against Vassar was another easy contest for the Lady Continentals. Fasulo led a balanced attack with another 13 points; Wetmore and McGuinnis had nine points; Schrader and Jess Barrows '08 each had eight points. Vassar committed 26 turnovers to Hamilton's 12. The Lady Continentals finished off the Brewers 67-38.

Both Sathula and Barrows set career records in the game. Sathula broke the career rebound record of All-American Julie Diehl '93 (834) with 835. Barrows' two 3-pointers surpassed the all-time record of 176 by Julie Sheldon '93. Barrows finished the game with 177 and has 43 this season.

Today Hamilton will make the trip to Clarkson to take on the Golden Knights once again. The Brewers are currently 3-18 overall and 1-9 in the Liberty League. They have yet to win a game on the road this season, and are on a six-game losing streak that Hamilton has already contributed to.

Tomorrow the team travels to St. Lawrence to play the Saints for the second time this season. St. Lawrence appears to be a more formidable opponent, with a 17-4, 7-3 Liberty League record. The Saints will definitely be looking to redeem their over time loss to Hamilton earlier this month.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 2/15:

Squash (M) v. Middlebury College @ CSA Championships
Basketball (W) @ Clarkson University
Hockey (M) v. New England College
Basketball (M) @ Clarkson University

Saturday 2/16:

Indoor Track and Field (M) @ Liberty League Championships
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Squash (W) @ Williams Smith College
Basketball (W) @ St. Lawrence University
Basketball (M) @ St. Lawrence University
Hockey (W) v. Wesleyan University
Hockey (M) v. St. Anselm College

Go Blue!

Men's Hockey Upsets Colby

Team Secures Two Big Wins Against NESCAC Foes

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The Hamilton College Men's Hockey Team has had a season filled with highs and lows, but recently the Continentals have shown extraordinary resilience. The last four games have shown that the team is capable of beating anyone at anytime.

On February 1, the Connecticut Camels came into the Sage with a record of 5-8-3. The game was a tough battle with control of the puck going back and forth. The Continentals lost 4-1, which was a heart-breaker considering how closely matched the two teams were. The only goal was scored by Marc Trostle '10, who was assisted by Travis Blood '09 and Kyle Roulston '09. The game was decided in the back end if the third period. It was encouraging for th team to outshoot their opponents by over 10 shots and they did score during one of their power play opportunities.

The next day the Continentals squared off against Tufts University. The Jumbos came into the Sage expecting a Hamilton team that reflected their record, but they underestimated the skill and dedication of the Continentals. Hamilton pulled off a 6-1 win.

Joe Buteau '08, Andrew Decristoforo '08, Nate Miller '08, Travis Blood '09, Jerome Wallace '10, and Joe Buicko '11 all scored for Hamilton. Roulston and Kevin Osbourne '09 both had a pair of assists. Harry Biggs '10 got his first point in collegiate hockey; the Continentals are looking for Biggs to put up many more points.

The power play unit was very effective, as the defense did not allow the Jumbos to score on any of their eight chances. Mark Donovan '11 played his best game of the year when he stopped 36 of the 37 shots that came his way.

Although Hamilton was not ecstatic about splitting the weekend they look forward to entering the next weekend still within reach of a playoff spot.

The next weekend the men's team travelled to Maine where they played the previous NESCAC champions, Bowdoin College and the always-skilled Colby Mules. After a nine-hour bus ride the Continentals squared off against Bowdoin. The game did not go as planned and Hamilton lost a tough one, 10-2. Decristoforo scored both of Hamilton's goals. He scored the first goal on a breakaway and caught the goalie out of position for his second one.

The following day the Continentals travelled to Colby where they were hoping to redeem themselves from a poor performance at Bowdoin. After a hard-fought game Hamilton came out on top with an extraordinary performance from all members, especially rookie Scott Hefferman '11. Decristoforo and Buicko contributed to the 2-1 win. The defense played tremendously and stopped five power play chances during the final period tohelp secure the victory.

The Continentals were not pleased with the Bowdoin loss, but were quite happy with the win over Colby. All the players are excited for next weekend when New England College and St. Anselm's come to the Sage.

These upcoming games are the last home games of the season and therefore have special meaning for the graduating senior players. It is fitting that the seniors be congratulated on their many years of commitment to Hamilton Athletics. Matt Mesi, Jon Peros, Joe Buteau, Andrew Decrisotoforo, and Nate Miller have made an outstanding contribution to the Hamilton Hockey program and to Hamilton College as a whole.

With the end of the season within sight it would be great to see the support of the Hamilton Community continue at this weekend's games as the Continentals attempt to sweep two skilled and tough teams.